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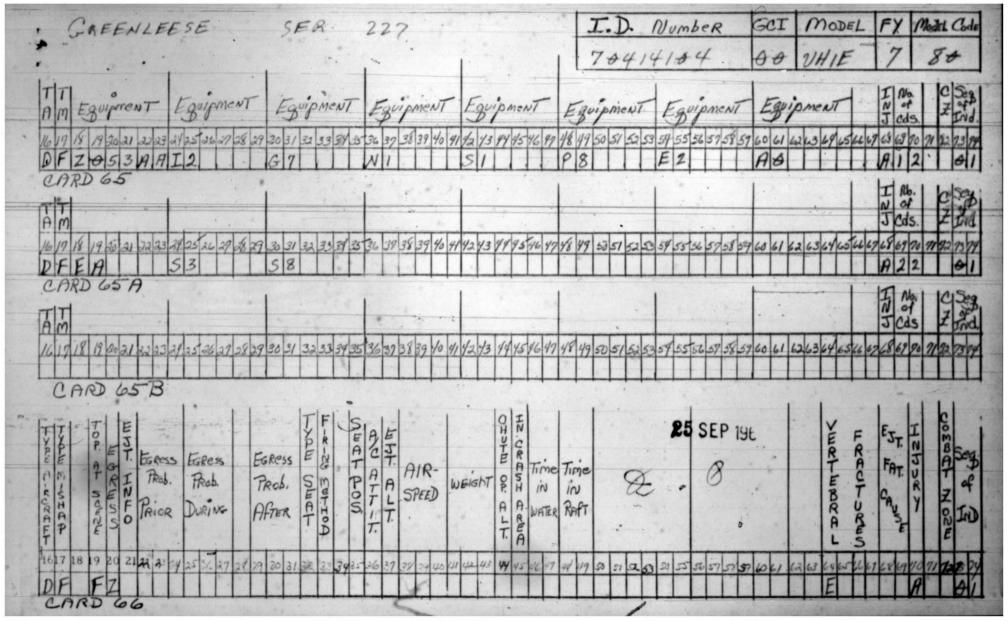
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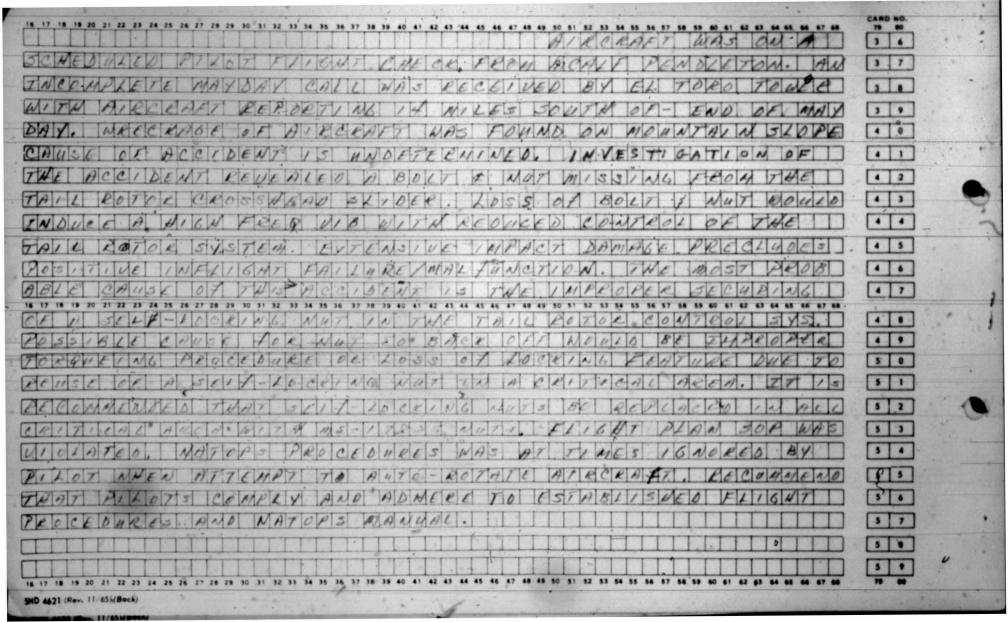
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From: Commander, Naval Aviation Safety Center

To: Commanding Officer, Marine Observation Squadron FIVE

Subj: VMO-5 AAR ser 1-67A concerning UH-1E BuNo 152437 accident occurring 14 April 1967, pilot GREENLEESE

- The subject report and all endorsements thereon have been reviewed.
   Commander, Naval Aviation Safety Center concurs with the comments and recommendations of the Aircraft Accident Board as modified by subsequent endorsers.
- 2. The cause of this accident has been recorded at the NAVAVNSAFECEN as follows:
  - a. PRIMARY FACTOR: UNDETERMINED.
  - b. POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:
    - (1) MATERIAL (tail rotor failure).
    - (2) OTHER PERSONNEL (maintenance):
    - (3) PILOT (mental condition-tension).
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#### NAVAVNSAFECEN INVESTIGATION 58-67

Ref: (a) ARADMAC Corpus Christi msg 042040Z May 1967 (b) NAVAIRSYSCOMHQ msg 182135Z May 1967

#### INTRODUCTION

- a. The Accident. UH-1E, BUNO 152437, assigned to MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON FIVE (VMO-5) crashed 1000 meters south of Santiago Peak (elevation 5696 ft) and west of Holy Jim Canyon, California, at 1245(U) on 14 April 1967. The aircraft was destroyed (ALFA) upon impact and the four occupants were fatally injured.
- b. Synopsis of Flight. The flight departed from Camp Pendleton at 1030(U), 14 April, on a pilot qualified in model (PQM) flight check with a planned stop at Point Vicente Coast Guard Station. The flight departed Point Vicente at 1219(U) on a VFR flight plan to Camp Pendleton with an enroute delay in local area. The last positive radar check was at 1226(U) over Huntington Beach. An incomplete MAYDAY transmission was heard nineteen minutes later at 1245(U). Poor weather conditions and the mountainous terrain hindered the extensive search efforts to locate the aircraft. The aircraft was finally located two days after the distress call.

## 2. INVESTIGATION AND ANALYSIS

## a. History

- (1) Pilot. 1/LT William E. GREENLEESE, USMC, (1) (6) was the instructor pilot and was riding in the left seat. He had been designated a Naval Aviator for twelve years and had accumulated 5800 flight hours of which 4327 hours were in helicopters. He had a total of 1024 hours in the UH-1E and had been a flight instructor for two years in the Camp Pendleton area. The ability of the pilot was considered to be outstanding. He always demanded a high degree of performance from students.
- (2) Copilot. 2/LT Edward J. FUNCHOON, USMCR, (b) (6) was the student pilot and flying the aircraft in the right seat. He had been

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designated a Naval Aviator five months and had accumulated 337 flight hours of which 172 hours were in helicopters. He had a total of 97 hours in the UH-1E and this was to be his final check flight in the aircraft. He was an average aviator who at times appeared blase in his attitude toward flying.

- (3) Observer. CAPT Harold E. PLUM, USMC, (b) (6) was a newly assigned flight instructor to the squadron. He was aboard the aircraft as an observer for flight requirements for the PQM flight check.
- a qualified crewmember assigned for the flight.
- (5) Aircraft. UH-1E BUNO 151885 had operated 537 hours since acceptance by the Navy on 6 July 1966. A second ODD calendar periodic inspection was performed twenty-four days prior to the accident. The aircraft had operated sixty-six hours since check.
- (6) Engine. T53-L-11 engine, serial number LE-09582, was accepted by the Navy on 1 July 1964 and had operated 967 hours since new. The engine had operated 523 hours since overhaul at ARADMAC, Corpus Christi, on 29 April 1966. A fifty-hour inspection of the engine was completed on 12 April 1966.
- (7) Weather. The reported weather at MCAS El Toro at the time of the crash was 2000 feet broken. The weather in the vicinity of Santiago Peak was overcast with the bases about 4000 feet and the tops at 5000 feet. There were no cumulus buildups in the area.

## b. Field Investigation

- (1) A distress call was received by San Clemente, Los Alamitos, and El Toro on 340.2 m.c. This incomplete report "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY, WAYDAY, Uniform Victor One Three, One Four miles south . . . " gave no clue as to the nature of the problem. The report was received on Button One which is not the normal channel used in the local area. It is felt that one of the pilots attempted to switch to GUARD frequency.
  - (2) The extremities of the aircraft and control system were in the immediate area of the wreckage. There were two ground scars where the main rotor blades initially impacted. It appeared that the white blade was the point of initial impact followed by the red blade and then the nose

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section of the helicopter. The tail section broke loose at impact and came to rest upside down. The wreckage distribution gave conflicting evidence of impact attitude.

- (3) The aircraft appeared to have impacted the thirty-degree slope in about a forty-degree nose down attitude with about sixty degrees of left bank. Severe fire damage resulted after the impact. The wreckage was not widely distributed indicating a low horizontal speed at the time of impact.
- (4) All wreckage except the molten fragments was removed from the crash site by helicopter. An attempt to reconstruct the aircraft was made in order to determine if an inflight fire, blade interference, or structural failure occurred before the initial impact. There was evidence that the white tail rotor blade struck the pylon. The point in time of this strike could not be determined. There was no evidence of an inflight fire or a structural failure.
- (5) There were numerous sheared and broken components in the flight control system. These components were shipped to ARADMAC, Corpus Christi, for disassembly.
- (6) Maintenance records revealed that work was performed on the main rotor hub on 28 March, the stabilizer bar on 20 March, and the tail rotor hub on 25 January. There were two yellow sheet control gripes about thirty flight hours prior to the accident. The gripes complained of a lateral and a vertical beat. The friction collective was retorqued. No association between the pilot yellow sheet comments and the accident were uncovered.
- (7) There were four tools found in the wreckage. These were all located in one small area and are normally carried by the crewmembers.
- (8) Interviews with the Commanding Officer, instructors, and the check pilot's personal friends indicated that the pilot would not fly instruments on a VFR flight plan or fly under the overcast in marginal weather conditions in mountainous terrain. It was the pilot's normal procedure to use the higher rough area landing (RAL) sites around Santiago Peak.
- c. Disassembly Inspection. Reference (a) is a message report of the disassembly performed at ARADMAC, Corpus Christi. Pertinent data is extracted as follows:

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- (1) The engine was operating at impact. The linear actuator disclosed the engine was beeped up to 6575 turns.
- (2) The tail rotor blades struck the pylon and tail rotor drive shaft between the 42-degree and 90-degree gear boxes. The tail rotor hub pounded the static stops causing the tail rotor hub nut threads to fail in shear.
- (3) One bolt, P/N AN174-15A; and self-locking nut, P/N NAS679-A4, was missing from the crosshead assembly, P/N 204-011-711-1. The physical evidence showed that the nut-had backed off and the bolt came out prior to impact.
- d. Probable Sequence of Events. The pilot was attempting to locate a clear area to approach the high landing sites in the vicinity of Santiago Peak. At this time the self-locking nut in the crosshead/slide assembly began to loosen, thus causing an out-of-track and out-of-phase situation in the pitch control mechanism of the tail rotor. The pilot slowed the helicopter and attempted an approach through the overcast to an emergency landing. While in a descending left turn the nut backed off causing erratic lateral oscillations and severe vibrations. A MAYDAY report was initiated at this time by the copilot. The aircraft impacted with the mountain slope completely out of control, or with insufficient tail rotor control to avoid the collision.
- 3. CONCLUSION. The most probable cause of this accident is the improper securing of a self-locking nut in the tail rotor control system. The possible causes for the nut to back off would be improper torqueing procedure or loss of locking feature due to re-use of a self-locking nut in a critical area.

## 4. ACTION COMPLETED

- a. The NAVAIRSYSCOMHQ in reference (b) published Interim Airframe Bulletin No.30. This bulletin provided for a one-time inspection of the retaining nuts for proper self-locking capability. In addition, all future maintenance requiring the removal of the nut will require the use of a new nut upon reassembly of the tail rotor crosshead and slide assemblies.
- b. The NAVAIRSAFECEN has initiated action to replace the self-locking nut with a self-locking castellated nut and a cotter pin.
- c. The Safety Education Department has published an article in the Weekly Summary relating to the proper use of self-locking nuts.

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Prom: Commander, Naval Air Systems Command

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## 1. Forwarded.

- 2. The requirement to conduct further testing of the H-1 tail rotor components is acknowledged. By separate correspondence, the contractor has been requested to conduct further study and testing of the H-1 tail rotor system to improve reliability and determine effects of various component failures.
- 3. The Commander, Naval Air Systems Command concurs in the requirement to replace the self-locking nut NAS 679-A4 in all critical areas of the H-1 aircraft. An engineering change proposal has been requested from the contractor to replace NAS 679-A4 with a castellated self-locking insert in the MS 17825 series. Additionally, action is in process to modify the General Aircraft Specification (SD-24) in order to provide for incorporation of self-locking nuts in all future aircraft.
- 4. H-1 Interim Airframe Bulletin No. 30 was issued to provide the torque valves requested and further prescribes the onetime usage of the self-locking nut NAS 679-A4. These requirements will be incorporated in the H-1 maintenance manuals during the next revision.
- Present UH-1E manuals were written to U. S. Army specifications vice standard NAVAIR specifications. U. S. Navy specifications were imposed in the Fiscal Year 1966 contract. Delivery of new manuals is scheduled for January 1968. Standardization of maintenance manuals is a continuing process.
- 6. H-1 Airframe Change 33 provides for incorporation of the AFN-171 radar altimeter in the H-1 aircraft. Installation of the APN-171 is expected to commence in October 1967.
- The Commander, Naval Air Systems Command concurs with the requirement to provide a suitable parachute egress procedure for the

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H-l aircraft. Accordingly, the Naval Aerospace Recovery Facility, El Centro, has been requested to review the H-l parachute egress system in order to determine the degree of modification required to provide the desired capability.

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FIFTH ENDORSEMENT on VMD-5 AAR ser 1-67A concerning UH-1E Bulo 152437 accident occurring 14 April 1967, pilot GREENLESE

From: Commander Naval Air Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet To: Commander, U. S. Naval Aviation Safety Center

Via: Commander, Maval Air Systems Command

Subj: VMO-5 AAR ser 1-67A

1. Readdressed and forwarded for NAVAIRSYSCOMEQ comments concerning recommendation 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8 contained in part II of the AAR.

2. The conclusions and recommendations of the Aircraft Accident Board, as modified by the remarks contained in subsequent endorsements are concurred with.

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FOURTH ENDORSEMENT on VMO 5 AAR, serial 1-67A, concerning UH-1E BuNo 152437 accident occurring 14Apr67, pilot GREENIFESE

From: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific To: Commander, U. S. Naval Aviation Safety Center Via: Commander, U. S. Naval Air Force, Pacific

Subj: VMO 5 Aircraft Accident Report, serial 1-67A

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 3710.7C

- 1. Forwarded, concurring with the conclusions and recommendations of the Aircraft Accident Board and subsequent endorsers with the following additional comments:
- a. It is not certain that the lack of parachutes had a bearing on the results of this accident. Helicopter emergency conditions above an overcast could well require bailout rather than risk autorotation or semi-uncontrolled flight through IFR conditions over unfavorable terrain. Had parachutes been available there is a possibility that the number of fatalities might have been decreased by personnel exiting the aircraft prior to ground contact.
- b. Parachute requirements as set forth in reference (a), are considered adequate and should be adhered to.
- 2. The Aircraft Accident Board in their investigation of this accident used all available technical assistance and is commended for a professional thorough report.

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From: Commanding Officer, Marine Observation Squadron FIVE

To: Commander, U S. Naval Aviation Safety Center

Subj: Supplementary Accident Data concerning VMO-5 AAR serial 1-67A,

UH-1E BUNO 152437 occurring 14 April 1967, Pilot FLANCIALON GREENLENSE

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Ref: (a) NASC ltr ser: 50/B158 of 27 APR 1967.

Encl: (1) Supplementary Accident Data Form for subject accident pages 1 through 5

(2) Reproduction of subject pilot's log covering month of accident and two (2) preceding calendar months

1. As requested by reference (a), the enclosures are forwarded.

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## SUPPLEMENTARY ACCIDENT DATA

In addition to answering the following questions, enclose a duplicate of the pilot's log covering the month in which the accident occurred as well as the preceding two calendar months:

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THIRD ENDORSEMENT on VMC-5 AAR, serial 1-67A, concerning UH-1E, BuNo 152437, accident occurring 14 Apr 1967, pilot GREENIEESE

From: Commanding General, 3d Marine Aircraft Wing To: Commander, U. S. Naval Aviation Safety Center

Via: (1) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific (2) Commander, Naval Air Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet

Subj: VMO-5 Aircraft Accident Report, serial 1-67A

- 1. Forwarded, concurring with the conclusions and recommendations of the Board and subsequent endorsers with the following comments:
- a. Recommendation 2. All sizes of the NAS 679 series nuts should be replaced throughout the aircraft in critical areas with the castellated nut with self locking insert, MS 17825, with appropriate cotter key.
- b. Recommendation 3. If this recommendation is adopted, it should apply to all nuts of this series, not specifically the one-fourth inch size. It is felt that the checking procedures for re-use of three-eighths inch nuts and smaller as prescribed in NAVWEPS 01-1A-8, if followed, are satisfactory for non-critical areas.
- c. Recommendations 4 and 5. BUMEPS Instruction 5600.18B provides instructions for reporting errors or omissions in handbooks for Naval aircraft and engines on the Failure Unsatisfactory or Removal (FUR) Report Form. Effective 1 October 1965 all activities were directed by BUMEPS Notice 4700 of 28 Sep 1965 to use the Unsatisfactory Material/Condition Report (UR) Form 13070/5 to report safety and special situations vice the FUR form. This procedure should be followed in all cases when erroneous or inadequate information is noted in publications or clarification of maintenance procedures included therein is required.
- d. Recommendation 8. Although lack of parachutes had no bearing on the results of this accident, this Command does not feel that efforts to provide parachute egress procedure for helicopters should be abandoned. There is no known parachute adaptable to the armored side panel of not only the UH-1E, but of any helicopter. Due to armored side panels attached to the armored seats, any emergency procedures for the presently installed seats would be hazardous and doubtful at best. It is recommended that:
- (1) Investigation and evaluation be initiated to develop a parachute adaptable to the armored seats of all helicopters with added

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emphasis on improvement of low altitude deployment capabilities of free fall type parachutes.

- (2) The presently installed armored seat be modified to permit satisfactory emergency egress with parachute.
- 2. Correct "Copy to" distribution on the AAR and First Endorsement as indicated below with the inclusion of "CG, 3d MAW (DIRECT)". Correct distribution has been completed by the originator.

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SECOND ENDORSEMENT on VMO-5 AAR 1-67A, concerning UH-1E BuNo 152437, Accident occurring 14Apr67, Pilot GREENLEESE

From: Commanding Officer, Marine Helicopter Training Group 30

Via:

Commander, U. S. Naval Aviation Safety Center (1) Commanding General, 3d Marine Aircraft Wing

(2) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific (3) Commander, Naval Air Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet

Subj: VMO-5 AAR 1-67A, Pilot GREENLEESE

1. Forwarded, concurring with the conclusions and recommendations of the Aircraft Accident Board and the first endorsement, in that the most probable cause factor was the failure/loss of the nut/bolt in the tail rotor crosshead and slider assembly.

2. The FIRST ENDORSEMENT should be numbered as page 35.

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FIRST ENDORSTHENT ON VMO-5 AAR 1-67A, UH-1E BUNO 152437, PILOT GREENLEESE, of 14 APRIL 1967

Commanding Officer, Marine Observation Squadron 5

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Commanding Officer, Marine Helicopter Training Group 30 Via: Commanding General, 3d Marine Aircraft Wing Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Commander, Naval Air Forces, U. S. Pacific Fleet

Aircraft Accident Report, case of First Lieutenant William E. GREENLEESE (b) (6)

- 1. Forwarded, concurring in the conclusions and recommendations with the following comments:
- a. The squadron maintenance department has taken steps to reemphasize, for all personnel, the correct maintenance procedures for critical areas of the aircraft. An aggressive and continuing program of training and quality control is presently being prosecuted.

c. The precipitating cause of this accident is conjecture, based on educated guesses. There was an obvious "failure" or indication of a failure, hence the Mayday call. However, the lack of any survivors or witnesses should not indicate or imply that the pilot erred. It must remain unknown whether there was any fault or real failure involved.

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#### PART V THE ACCIDENT

The accident occurred on 14 April 1967 during the third phase of a Pilot Qualified in Model (PCM) flight check in UH-1E BuNo 152437 Modex UV-13. Four crew members were aboard: Lieutenant GREENLEEE, instructor and pilot in command; Lieutenant FUNCHEON, transition pilot being checked; Captain PICM. pilot observer preparing for UH-1E flight instructor duties; and Corporal MILLANE, crew chief. No other aircraft were involved in the flight.

At 1219U UV-13 departed Pt. Vicente Coast Guard Station on the tactics phase of the check flight. A flight plan was filed airborne at 1222U with Long Beach Approach Control VFR from Pt. Vicente direct El Toro direct Cemp Pendleton. Estimated time enroute was 1.5 hours, with two hours fuel on board. The general weather (El Toro) at this time was 2600 broken, 10 miles visibility.

At 1228U UV-13 conducted a position report to Long Beach Approach Control when in the vicinity of Huntington Beach. This is the last known two way contact with the aircraft. (See Encl 2)

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An extensive military and civilian air and sea search ended on 16 April with the discovery of the crash site of UV-13 in the Santa Ana Mountains on the 068° radial 10 NM from El Toro Tacan. The wreckage was at the 4400 foot level on the steep south slope of Santiago Peak (5696 feet) in extremely rugged terrain. All four crew members had been fatally injured in the crash and were still in the wreckage.

No known witnesses observed the impact or the flight of the aircraft immediately preceding it.

#### PART VI DAMAGE TO THE AIRCRAFT

#### A. GENERAL

The aircraft received strike damage at impact, with the ensuing fire consuming the fuselage forward of station 250 (mid tail boom). The tail boom and vertical fin remained relatively intact, as did the engine and main rotor head (encl (3) and (4)).

### B. IMPACT ANALYSIS (See encl (5) and (6))

The impact attitude of the aircraft was a 60° left banked turn with a slight right skid, 75° nose down. There was a pitching down metion around the aircraft center of gravity, and minimum ground speed. Vertical descent was high but decreasing. The impact angle was approximately 80°. The probable impact sequence (encl (5) was as follows:

- 1. The white blade struck a glancing blow at the 12 e'cleck position, with the outer three feet of the blade bending up. Both stabilizer bars sheared toward the 12 e'cleck position, ending up 17 and 33 feet dewnslope.
- 2. The chin bubble struck the ground, causing the cockpit/cabin section to shear at station 80 on the lower fuselage, vertically up the cabin door frame, aft to station 123 and upward through the overhead. The sheared cabin/cockpit section then started to slide forward, eventually ending up 18 feet further downslope.
- 3. The red blade impacted solidly at the 3 c'clock position, with the blade tip burying itself in the ground as the rest of the blade disintegrated and the fragments were hurled downslope.
- 4. The right and left skids impacted and buried themselves 27 and 25 inches, respectively, on a heading of 175.
- 5. The white blade impacted (second time) solidly at the 3 o'clock position, depositing its tip weight within 6 inches of the red blade tip weight.
- 8. As the after fuselage and tail boom came over the top, the bottom angles of the fuselage main longitudinal support beams (beam 14) impacted heading 165° and were buried 24.5 inches (right side) and 27 inches (left side) en an angle of 70° to the slope.
- 7. The main transmission and rotor head assembly ripped free, rotated forward and down toward the cabin and swept through the cockpit, carrying with it part of the overhead circuit breaker panel, center pedestal, instrument panel and transmission housing, and buried them more than two feet into the ground. The transmission and rotor head assembly ultimately came to rest outboard of the cabin section, with the mast bead at the 3 e'clock position. The white blade remained relatively intact, still attached to the rotor head.

- 8. The engine moved forward and right, impacting the 5th mount support beam as it catapulted over the main fuselage and came to rest below the transmission and to the right of the cockpit section.
- 9. During this sequence the tail boom sheared at station 250 and came over the top of the forward fuselage tail first. The 90° gearbox ripped free and both tail rotor blades struck the vertical fin, the first striking the vertical fin drive shaft cover a glancing blow and the second striking solidly, shearing the 5th section of the drive shaft. The 90° gearbox and tail rotor hub and blade assembly came to rost in the vicinity of the initial nose impact point; the tail become came to rest at the 1 o'clock position of the cockpit section, oriented tail first down slope and outside the resulting fire.
- 10. Burning fuel from the ruptured fuel cells enveloped the center of the wrockage, including the cockpit and cabin section, with intense fire.
- 11. The wrockage dispersion in the ismediate crash site was limited to 40 feet longitudinally from the skid impact points, 155° down slope to the hydraulic module found below the cockpit section. Laterally the main wrockage area measured 31 feet at its widest point.

#### C. DAM GE ANALYSIS

#### 1. ENGINE

The external condition of the engine at the crash scene was as follows:

The engine came to rest in an upright and crosswise attitude, slightly to the right of center of the main crash/debris area. It was almost wholly intact except for segments of the compressor inlet housing and reduction gear case broken away between the 4 and 6 o'clock positions (looking forward). There was no airframe structural enclosure remaining. Ill engine and transmission cowling had been either thrown clear or burned away.

The exhaust tail pipe assembly had been forcibly wrenched away from its clamping to the exhaust diffuser. It was deformed to an almost flattened condition, apparently by a severe blow.

The second stage turbine assembly was intact and with no apparent damage other than from the post-crash fire. It could be rotated easily by hand to a limited amount or travel, and then with a heavy drag, indicating an internal interference of turbine rub. Rotation of the 2nd stage turbine whool showed resultant normal rotation of the power output shaft. This confirmed the integrity of the engine power train.

The service coupling of the power output shaft was bent a few degrees at its base. Portions of the transmission drive shaft were still attached to the coupling but the major portion appeared to have been torsionally

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broken away. The remainder of the short shaft segment was found in the debris, close by.

An inspection of the engine inlet area disclosed severe fire evidence and heavy inlet guide vane damage. All inlet guide vanes were burned, badly bent and torn at their trailing edges.

All three engine mounts were securely attached to the engine. The engine rounting structural supports were torn loose or burnt away from the engine deck at the attaching point. The stool portion of the droop cam was found but the mounting bracket had been burnt away in the fire. The aft portion of the linear actuator rod and worm gear was still attached to the overspeed governor control lever but the electrical control box of the actuator was burnt away. The overspeed governor control lever was slightly bent.

The throttle linkage was firmly attached to the fuel control and the power lever was in the nearly wide open position and was siezed in this condition. Most of the fuel control was intact and not badly burnt. The overspeed governor was totally intact with no apparent damage.

The overspeed governor tachometer drive gearbox was destroyed by fire. A few of the gears were noticed in the fire debris.

All oil and fuel lines were in place and intact, although badly burnt.

There was one deep dent in the combustor housing between the 10 and 11 o'clock positions. There was also a burnt and crushed-in portion at the top of the compressor inlet housing near the anti-icing, hot air transfer tube plug.

### 2. COMMUNICATION/NAVIGATION COMPONENTS(Refer to encl (6))

The Comm/New components located in the starboard-aft avionics compartment, IFF (AN/APX-6), SIF (AN/APA-89) and HF coupler (CU-351), were demolished and burnt. Fragments and sub-assemblies of these units were found in the northwest quadrant of the intense fire area. The HF radio set (AN/ARC-94) was not installed in the aircraft.

The FM (AN/ARC-44) and Low Frequency ADF (AN/ARN-59) radio sets and their associated components, located in the starboard-nose compartment, were also denolished and burnt. Fragments of these units were found in the center—left section of the intense fire area(looking upslope).

The UHF (AN/ARC-52) and TACAN (AN/ARN-52(V)) radio sets, located in the port-nose compartment, were severely damaged and partially burnt.

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Fragments of Avionics control units were found distributed throughout the wreckage, however the bulk of these units and all instruments except the fuel quantity indicator were found in the south-central section of the intense fire area. The fuel quantity indicator was found on the southeast edge of the main impact crater.

### 3. ENGINE/TRANSMISSION/FLIGHT INSTRUMENTS

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Dual Tachoneter	Severe
Puel Quantity	Severe
Fuel Pressure	Severe
Air Speed (2)	Severe
Altimeter (2)	Severe
Vertical Speed (2)	Severe; one not recovered
Outside Air Temperature	Severe
Attitude, Pilot	Severe, partially recovered
Attitude, Co-pilot	Severe
Turn and Bank (2)	Severe
Bearing/distance/heading	Severe
Wet Compass	Not recovered
Course Deviation	Severe
AC end DC Voltmeters	Severe
DC Loadmeter	Not recovered
Clock	Not recovered

- 4. Component DIR's Encl (7) lists the history of the components that were sent to ARADMAC for DIR under NAVAIRSYSCOMREP PAC control number 2409-67. The engine S/N LE 09582 was received at Corpus Christi on 23 April and the remainder of the components listed below were received on 28 April.
- a. Rotor head (intact) with blade stubs attached; stabilizer. bars (2); mast with swash plate, scissors and sleeve assembly.
  - b. Transmission ring gear assembly and associated parts.
- c. Tail rotor 90° gear box with hub and blade assembly; both tail rotor blades; 42° gear box; #2 and #5 sections of drive shaft; control chain; control cable (piece).
- d. Hydraulic module (1); hydraulic pumps (2); and servo control rods (3).

The ARADMAC DIR's on the above components are attached as enclosures (Sythrough(18). A Bell Helicopter Company Technical Report commenting on the DIR's, on tail rotor component testing at the factory and on wreckage analysis at Camp Pendleton is attached as enclosure (19).

The Navel Aviation Safety School, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California has initiated a request for all wreckage parts to be used for training purposes.

#### PART VII INVESTIGATION AND ANALYSIS

#### A. Technical Assistance

The following people rendered technical assistance during the investigation:

Mr. Frank arneaud, Contractor Representative, Lycoming Division, AVCO

Mr. George Boan, Aviation Safety Specialist, USABAAR

Mr. Robert Breyer, Senior Metallurgist, Bell Helicopter Company

Mr. Robert Eggers, Project Engineer, Bell Helicopter Company
Can (b) (6) Independent Investigator, Naval Aviation Safety Center

Mr. Jim Le Vesque, Contractor Representative, Bell Helicopter Company

Mr. Don Swartwout, Metallurgist, Bell Helicopter Company

Mr. Joo Tyler, Contractor Representative, Bell Helicopter Company

#### B. AAR Board Augmentation

The senior member of the AAR Board requested assignment of a school trained safety officer to the board. CO, MHTG-30 subsequently assigned USMC, ASO, HMMT-302. Major (b) (6)

#### C. DIR's

All DIR's requested were processed by ARADMAC, Corpus Christi. Com-ponents that were sent are listed at the end of section VI. Lt. (b) (6) of the AR Board accompanied the engine to Corpus Christi and remained at ARADMAC through completion of all DIR's except the overspeed governor flyweight analysis. The DIR's are attached as enclosures (3) through (18).

## D. Bell Helicopter Tests

Bell conducted cortain static and dynamic testing of tail rotor components at the board's request. Test results are appended as encl (19).

# E. Main Difficulties Encountered

- 1. Lack of good crash site accessibility/weather. Personnel were lifted in/out by helo hoist and wreckage was brought out as helo external cargo. A 30° rock slide 150 feet below the crash site was the primary pickup/drop point. (enclass)). Adverse weather delayed completion of crash site investigation and wreckage removal until 23 April.
- 2. There were no known witnesses to the crash or the flight of the aircraft immediately preceding it.
- 3. The fuselage forward of station 250 (mid tail boom) was almost entirely consumed by fire, including all instrumentation. Much of the motal in this section was reduced to slag (enclosures (3) and (4)).

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4. Submission of the AAR was delayed pending completion of the ARAD-MAC DIR's and Bell Helicopter tail rotor component tests.

#### F. The Investigation

The accident investigation commenced on 17 April 1967 with the AAR Board proceeding to the crash site by CH-46 helicopter from HMMT-302. Accompanying the board to the crash site were Mr. Joe Tyler, VMO-5 Contractor Representative for Bell Helicopter, Mr. Frank Arneaud, VMO-5 Contractor Representative for Lycoming, and Mr. J. L. Eatherton, Medical Investigator for the Orange County Coroner's Office. Airborne photographs were taken on arrival, after which all personnel descended by helicopter hoist to the rock slide. No guards had been posted at the wreckage because of its extreme inaccessibility. The wreckage pattern was measured and plotted (encl 6) and photographs were taken. The flight surgeon and the civilian medical investigator removed the bodies of all four crew members from the wreckage for pickup by helicopter. The bodies were sent to Blower Brothers Mortuary, Santa Ana for autopsy by the Orange County Coroner's Office.

The crash site is located at the 4400 foot level on the south slope of Santiago Peak (5696 feet MSL) which is the highest peak in the area. (encl 20). The peak is directly above the crash site but line of sight is blocked by the military crest. The high ridge line extends east-west from the peak with numerous small canyons generally oriented north-south from the ridge line. A 30-35° slope exists throughout the immediate crash area with the crash site itself measured at 32°. Extremely dense, stunted tree-type vegetation, generally from three to ten feet high, grows throughout the area, and greatly hinders movement at other than the immediate crash site.

Initial visual inspection of the wreckage showed it to be very compact in distribution, but with extensive fire damage (enclosures (3) and (4)). Major sections of the aircraft readily identifiable were the engine, the main rotor system with the white blade attached, the tail rotor 90° gear box, hub and blade assembly and a large section of the tail boom and vertical fin. The fuselage forward of station 250, including the cockpit and cabin, was almost totally consumed by fire. All extremities of the aircraft were found in the immediate impact area, including both main rotor blade tips, the stabilizer bars, chin bubble (fragmented and burned), right and left skids, right and left synchronized elevators, tail skid, tail rotor blades and the FM antenna. The only sizeable pieces of wreckage found outside the immediate impact area were parts of the red main rotor blade, found variously 100 to 250 feet down slope from the main impact point (enc) (6)).

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At the board's request the Naval Aviation Safety Center assigned an investigator, Cdr (5) (6) to the accident. He worked with the board 20-27 April and with ARADMAC on the DIR's 28 April - 4 May. He requested and received the assistance of Mr. George Bean, USARAAR, in following the DIR's through ARADMAC.

Ball Heltcopter Corporation provided Mr. Don Swartwout to work with ARADIAC and Mr. Rebert Eggers and Mr. Robert Breyer to work with the board on wreckage analysis at Camp Fendleton (3-5 May). Mr. Jim Le Vesque, resident Bell Centractor Representative at NAS North Island, also assisted during this period.

The AAR Board, with the assistance of HEMS-30 and HMMT-302, recovered all wreckage parts not reduced to slag and transported them to Camp Pendleton. The wreckage pieces were arranged on the hangar deck in their relative positions in the aircraft. All parts were checked for evidence of possible airborne failure, pre-impact fire, component/system malfunction or control jamming. It was noted that one bolt was missing from the tail rotor cross head and slider assembly (encl (21)); the 90° gear box, with tail rotor hub and blade assembly, was subsequently sent to ARADMAC, for DIR. The wreckage was completely laid out a second time for investigation by Mr. Eggers and Mr. Breyer and re-inspection by the board. (All DIR components had already been sent to ARADMAC). No possible cause factor was discovered. Information was gained, however, that assisted in impact analysis. The BHC investigative analysis is reported in encl (19).

### The AAB determined that:

- 1. The flight was the third phase of a properly scheduled, cleared and briefed Pilot Qualified in Model (PQM) check (encl (22)). Lt. Green-leese was designated Instructor/Pilot in Command; Lt Funcheon was assigned as Transition Pilot being checked; Cpl Millane was the assigned Crew Chief; Capt Plum was a pilot observer preparing for UH-1E instructor duties and had been verbally assigned to the flight by the Squadron Operations Officer.
- 2. Lt. Greenloose was an extremely well qualified helicopter pilot with #327 helo hours, including 1,024 hours in the UH-1E. A five year summary is attached as encl (23). From 1 January 14 April he flew 208.7 hours, of which 13 were instrument time (5 actual) and 24 were night time. During the week preceding the accident he had flown 18.1 hours, including 3.6 hours on the day of the accident.

Under normal flight conditions Lt. Groenlesse was a very compotent, professional aviator. He flew "by the book" and was known for his adherence to standardized procedures. Ho, was a demanding instructor and pushed transition pilots to the limits of their capabilities but

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was very fair in his flight analysis and syllabus write-ups. This coupled with his natural flying ability and meticulous attention to detail made him one of the most respected instructors in the squadron.

Coping with ususual and demanding flight situations, however, did not come as easily to him. By his own admission he had less than average mechanical aptitude, which somewhat hampered his analysis of aircraft malfunctions. This assessment is borne out by material discussed on page 28.

- 3. Lt. Funcheon was designated a Naval Aviator 26 Oct 1966. His total flight summary is attached as encl (23). He had 172.7 help hours with 97.2 hours in the UH-LE. From 1 January to 14 April he flow 97.2 hours of which 9.2 was instrument time (0.2 actual) and 17.2 was night time. During the week preceding the accident he had flown 7.6 hours, including 3.6 hours on the day of the accident. Lt. Funcheon was above average in the "stick and throttle" aspects of flying with a lot of natural ability, but squadron instructors downgraded him somewhat for his chronic overconfidence.
- 4. Corporal MILLANE had been flying in the UH-1E for four months: 15-31 December as a non-crew member gunner, 1-15 January and 16-28 February as a crewmember under training, and 16 March-14 April as a design to decrew chief. He was considered an average crew chief and mechanic.
- 5. Captain PLUM had joined the squadron five days prior to the accident, having just returned from Vietnam. He flew his last combat mission in Vietnam in a UH-1E on 20 March 1967 and joined VNO-5 on 10 April 1967. On 12 April he flew a 1.7 hour flight and on 13 April a 3.5 hour flight, both with the squadron operations officer, to familiarize himself with the squadron's standardization requirements. On 14 April he flew 1.3 hours to practice these procedures, then joined the P M check to observe check procedures.
- 6. WMO-5 normally assigns an instructor and aircraft for multiple sorties for the accomplishment of a PQM check. The check pilot has full discretion as to the conduct of these flights within the guidelines established in the NATOPS Flight Manual as supplemented by squadron instructions. The non-tactical part of the flight evaluation (except for the instrument check) is normally given in the Camp Pendleton area. An instrument check is not required if the transition pilot received a "SATISFACTORY" at the conclusion of the instrument syllabus check flight (Lt Funcheon did), however the instrument flight phase is normally included on every PQM check to better evaluate the overall performance of the transition pilot. This flight usually terminates at other than home field. The tactical flight evaluation stresses initiative and aggressiveness by including both a prebriefed mission and a mission assigned in the air by a "ground station" (the instructor). Both tactical missions normally require locating ground positions using map coordinates, and making confined area landings,

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usually at higher elevations.

- 7. It Greenleese had been flying continually from Camp Pendleton eince 2 July 1964. He was extremely familiar with the local flying area and on previous check flights was known to use landing sites in the Santa Ana Mountains northeast of El Toro (controlled by MCAF Santa Ana). On at least one recent check flight he used a landing site adjacent to the micro-wave station atop Santiago Peak. On that flight his approach was generally westerly, paralleling the high ridge line to the north of his flight path.
- 8. Part A.of OPNAV Form 3760.2 (Tellow Sheet) was signed off by LCpl crew chief for the first phase of the POM check. He pre-flighted the aircraft by the pre-flight cards and strapped in 1500 pounds of weights (encl (24)). Limitations on the reference card attached to the yellow sheet were: "No HF (ARC 94 removed)" and "Slight leak on tac gen NF & NG (parts on order)."
- 9. Lt Funcheon signed off the acceptance portion of part A.of the yellow sheets certifying he had inspected "ALL" previous discrepancy sheets. He conducted the pilot pre-flight and strapped in prior to Lt Greenleese arriving at the flight line (encl (24)).
- 10. UV-13 launched from Camp Pendleton at 0735 and operated locally in several areas in a check of normal procedures and confined area landings. The aircraft landed at home field at 0945, at which time it was refueled and the weights were removed (encl (24)).
- 11. In the debriefing for the flight in the ready room Lt Greenleese was overheard to compliment Lt Funcheon on a good first phase of the check. He indicated they would fly to Pt Vicinte on an instrument phase and then fly a tactics portion east of El Toro as a third phase.
- 12. LCpl (b) (6) was replaced by Cpl Millane as crew chief on the second launch since UV-13 was not in his (b) (6) section. The regular crew chief for the aircraft, Cpl (b) (6) had been excused from flying that day to take care of some personal business (encl (25)).
- 13. The pre-flight of the aircraft for the second launch presumably was conducted by Cpl Millane, though no witness can attest to this. No new yellow sheet was filled out, but Cpl Millane added himself to the back of Part D. Capt Plum joined the flight as observer at this time and his name was added as a crew member on the front of Part D.
- 14. UN-13 departed Camp Pendleton at 1020 and terminated at 1118 at Pt Vicente Coast Guard Station (where Lt Greenleese had friends) and the crow ate lunch.
- 15. Personnel at Pt Vicente do not recall any mention of aircraft discrepancies by any of the four aircraft crew members.

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- 16. The pre-flight of the third phase was unobserved. Probable crew positions in the aircraft at takeoff from Pt Vicente (and as substantiated by crew positions in the wreckage) were: Lt Greenleese in the left cockpit seat; Lt Funcheen in the right cockpit seat; Capt Flum in the left jump seat; Cpl Millane in the right jump seat. Both jump seats were facing forward ( these seats are somewhat closer together than the pilot seats which allow both aft crew members a good view of the cockpit presentation).
- 17. The aircraft departed Pt Vicents at 1219 U, filing a flight plan airborne with Long Beach Approach Control at 1222, VFR Direct El Toro Direct Camp Fendleton. Estimated time enroute 1.5 hours, Fuel on board two hours (encl (26)), The El Toro weather was generally 2500 broken, high overcast, 10 miles visibility, winds 260/10, temperature 64, dew point 51 (encl (27)).
- 18. At 1226 UV-13 reported his position to Long Beach Approach Control as the 120° radial Los Angeles Tacan, 19 NM, heading 080° (encl (26)).
- 19. At 1228 UV-13 reported his position to Long Beach approach Control as over Huntington Beach at 5500 feet (based on filed airspeed and existing wind, the board computed his position as slightly seaward of Huntington Beach). The aircraft requested and received permission to shift frequencies. This was the last known two way contact with the aircraft (encl (26)).
- 20. At 1229 Long Beach Approach Control established radar position of UV-13 and attempted to pass this information to the aircraft. There was no response, UV-13 evidently having shifted frequencies (encl (26)).
- 21. At 1245 the following transmission was made on 340.2 MCS (Navy Primary): "Mayday, Mayday, Mayday. Uniform Victor One Three (unkey), One Four miles south (end of transmission) " (encl (28)),
- MCS) nor was there an "Energency" IFF Squawk painted on radar.
- 23. At 1251, LtCol Tooker, Commanding Officer, VMO-5 was notified by Camp Fendleton tower of the Mayday transmission while he was airborne enroute to El Tero from Camp Pendleton. He assumed control as airborne search coordinator, directed four other airborne squadron aircraft to join him, and requested additional assistance from MHTG-30 at MCAF Santa Ana (encl (29)).
- 24. Because of the incomplete Mayday transmission, UV-13's position reference point was unknown, greatly increasing the area to be searched. Several erroneous "eyevitness" reports of a crash in the water off Huntington Beach were exhaustively checked out. Military and civilian agencies cooperated in the air/sea search coordinated by the Commanding Officer, MHTG-30 at MCAF Santa Ana.

Toro SAR helicopter discovering the crash site at 1340 Sunday, 16 April (onel (30)) Search aircraft had, in fact, been in the immediate vicinity of the crash site within two hours after the accident, but the site had been obscured by cloud cover.

26. The VMO-5 Squadron Commander preceded to the crash site and decrease and were still in the wreckage (encl (29)). Removel of the remains that day was prevented by darkness.

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- 1. Wenther Definite weather at the crash site at the time of the crash is unknown but can be generally calfulated from the following:
- 2500 broken (6/10 coverage), high cirrus, visibility 10 miles, temperature.
  64, dew point 51, wind 260/10 (encl (27)).
- b. Personnel at the micro-wave station ato Santiago Peak were uncertain as to the weather during this time but indicated that it was "not good".
- two hours prior to the accident reported the weather to be broken to overcast with bases variable around 4000 feet.
- d. Two hours after the accident, search aircraft could not proceed higher than the 4000 foot level in the vicinity of the crash site
- e. The AAR board worked at the site during similar weather and observed very rapid and extensive cloud cover changes, with the bases varying at times from 3800 to 4500 feet in a matter of minutes; the visibility clear of clouds was always excellent. Though winds were contrally westerly above the ridge lines, at the crash site they was light and variable from the southoast (upslope).

From the foregoing the probable weather in the area of the crash site at 1245U was variable 4000 foot broken with tops 5500 feet, visibility greater than 7 miles, winds westerly 10-15 kts above the high ridge line. The crash site itself was probably IFR with an estimated 1/16 mile. visibility and winds light and variable from the southeast.

# 2. UV-13: Operations and Maintenance Analysis

It flow a total of 216.2 flight hours through 30 September 1966. Enclosure (31) lists the flight time and maintenance record from 1 October 1966 through the accident on 14 April 1967 (6) calendar months).

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No significant trend could be determined from this record. A 50 hour check was conducted two days prior to the accident with nothing urusual noted. The following are general comments concerning items of particular interest in enclosure (31). a. Flight time: 1 Oct 1966 thru 14 Apr 1967:489.1 Hours b. Flight time: 15Mar 1967 thru 14 Apr 1967:58.5 Hours c. Discreptions/Corrections (1) High temperature starts. All three high temperature starts listed occurred during October and November. The engine was replaced in Docember during a calandor even inspection. (2) 1:1. 1:2 and lateral low frequency wibrations. The 1:1, in particular, is a common discrepancy in the 540 model UH-1E; the others are less common but not unusual. A high percentage of these low Proposed vibrations were caused by a loose collet which is quite common in the 540 model and has been corrected in the revised 540 model with a new type collet. All low frequency vibrations were satisfactorily remedied as they occurred. The last one listed occurred on 30 March 1967. High frequency vibrations. These normally amonate from the engine or tail rotor. This occurred only two times, both times during January. On the second time the tail rotor hub was changed and the tail rotor balanced, which corrected the problem. (4) High RPMOverspeed. The three discrepancies listed were corrected on 27 Docember by rerigging the governor control. (5) Control rod hitting mixing lover. One time discrepancy corrected on 15 February 1967. d. Unincorporated sirframe changes. All unincorporated sirframe changes (encl (31)) are on order. AFC #7, Fixed Forward Firing Supression Kit, was actually installed on UV-13 but had been removed from another aircraft to facilitate squadron training. 3. ... Analysis of R.DM.C DIR's. .. RADM.C at Corpus Christi completed ten seperate DIR's under N.SCREPP.C control number 2409-67. n. Oversused Governor and Fuel Control (1) Overspeed Governor. The preliminary DIR (encl (8) para 1) stated that the fly weight base assembly and pin assembly had failed and that complete analysis would be noted in the DIR to follow. The analysis of this item was delayed by brockdown, of the electron microscope at .F. DM.C. On 25 May 1967 the AAB received enclosure (9) which states the failure was due to overstress. ALB Comments: None SPECIAL HANDLING REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH OPMAVINST 3750.6 SERIES

(2) First Control. The DIR for the fuel control has not been received due to the delay caused by the analysis of the overspeed governor. Enclosure (8), referring to the DIR on the fuel control and overspeed governor, bettens only the latter as having a failed part. It (b) (6) who accompanied the parts to ARADMAC, states that disassembly revealed no malfunction other than the overspeed governor fly weight. The fuel control was operating in the "Automatic" or normal position. The completed DIR will be submitted separately upon receipt.

## b. Gas Turbino Engine DIR (enclosure (10))

heavily damaged by impact (encl (4) of A.R encl (10)). Some of the mounting study and spacers had been sheared form the power output cover (encl (5) of AAR encl (10)).

AND comment: This indicates the engine moved forward and to the right, importing on the fifth mount support. Damage on the right rear side of the fifth mount support matches the bolt spacing and damage done to the power output cover.

RATMAC comment (s): Removal of the compressor housing halves revealed high speed machining on the top half of the axial compressor housing at the fourth and fifth stages only (encl (22)&(23) of AAR encl (10)). The centrifugal compressor housing revealed high speed machining and stationary impact marks.

AAB comment: The high speed machining indicates the engine was running at impact. The stationary impact marks have soot in them (encl (24) of AAR encl (10)) indicating that damage occurred after the post impact fire, probably when the engine was hoisted out of the crash site by helo.

aRADMAC comment (t) (in part): The appearance of the axial compressor blades and contribugal compressor vanes indicate an estimated RPM of approximately 55-60% of N1 speed (encl (26)&(28) of MAR encl (10)).

<u>AAB corment</u>: This indicates that the engine was probably operating at flight idle. The powerlever on the engine was found in a nearly wide open position at the crash site (page 7). This could be caused by the engine moving forward during impact even if the lever had been set at flight idle prior to impact.

impact. The engine was operating at the time of

AB coment: Concur.

c. Engine to Transpission. Drive Sheft Assembly DIR (enclosure (11))

ARADMAC conclusions: Damage to the drive shaft was the result of ground in pact forces.

A/B comment: Concur.

d. ransmission DIR (encl (12))

ARAIMAC comment (d): Marks were noted on the transmission case input quill nounting pad. The marks appear to have been made by the cooling fins on the forward end of the drive shaft (encl (4) of AAR encl (12)).

AAB comment: This indicates that the engine moved forward forcing the drive shaft and cooling fins into the input quill mounting pad.

gear match with the marks on the input drive bevel gear. It is suspected that the driven gear shaft struck the drive gear teeth and shaft when the transmission main case disintegrated on impact.

AAB comment: This indicates the main transmission rotated forward and down as the case disintegrated during impact.

ARADMAC conclusion: Damage to the transmission was caused by ground impact forces or excessive heat from the post crash fire.

AAB comment: Concur.

# e. Pylon Installation DIR (encl (13))

ARADMAC corment (f): Both stabilizer bars failed toward the white blade (encl (8) of AAR encl (13)). Fractures of the stabilizer bars were a result of bending overstress (encl (9) and (10) of AAR encl (13)).

AAB comment: This indicates the stabilizer bars failed toward the white blade when it first made contact at the 12 o'clock position during impact.

ARADNAC comment (g): The red and white blade damper control levers were bent opposite the direction of rotation indicating that the damper control tubes were still attached during the impact sequence (encl (11) and (14) of AAR encl (13)).

ARADMAC comment (h): The red and white blade control tubes were bent opposite the direction of rotation. Fractures on the control tubes were a result of bending overstress (encl (15) and (16) of AAR encl (13)).

were in good condition at impact and reduces the possibility of pre-impact failure or fouling by the hoist cable (as discussed on page 28).

ARADMAC comment (i): The white blade grip mut, P/N 540-011-177-1, had only minor damage, which was caused by the white blade butt swinging in the grip when the trailing edge of the blade failed in the drag link area on impact (encl (17) of AAR encl (13)).

ARADMAC comment (k): The red blade grip nut, P/N 540-011-117-1, was severely damaged by the red blade butt.

AAB comment on (j) and (k): This indicates that the red main rotor blade absorbed most of the energy of the rotor head at impact as the damage was much more severe to the rod grip nut (and blade).

the yoks of the end blade side (encl (27) of AAR encl (13)).

flapping excessively in flight as the damage was only on the red side.

a result of ground impact. Damage noted on the pylon installation was

A.B comment: Concur.

# f. Hydraulic Flight Controls DIR (encl (14))

ARADMAC conclusions: Damage to the controls was a result of ground impact forces and excessive heat from the post crash fire.

AAB comment: Concur.

# g. Isil Rotor Drive Short DIR (encl (15))

AMADMAC conclusion: Damage to the shaft was a result of ground impact forces probably at the time of tail boom separation.

AAB comment: Concur.

## h. 420 Gear Box DIR (encl (16))

that the tail rotor severed the drive shaft between the 42° and 90° gear boxes (encl (1) of AaR encl (16)).

AAP comment: Concur.

ARADMAC conclusions: No discrepancies were noted other than that caused by impact.

AAB comment: Concur.

# 1. 900 Gear Box DIR (encl (17)).

or indication of engine compressor stall on the coast side of the input pinion gear or output bevol gear (encl (1) of AAR encl (17)).

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stall of the engine prior to impact.

analysis compart (c): Runout on the output shaft at the slider spline measured 0.058. This condition indicates a heavy strike by one of the tail to or blades.

damage to the vertical fin.

shaft failed in shear when the static stop pounded the tail rotor yoke (encl (3) of AAR encl (17)).

AAR comment: Indications are that this happened during the impact sequence. Had it separated prior to impact the tail rotor would have separated from the aircraft and would not have been at the crash site. The aircraft would have been rotating violently with a resultant large wreckage dispersal. There is no evidence of section #5 of the tail rotor drive shaft turning more than 180° after it was first damaged. This futher indicates that the rotor was attached at impact and that the threads failed during impact.

forces. ARADMAC conclusions: Damaged parts were a result of ground impact

AAB comment: Concur.

## j. Tail Rotor Installation (encl (18))

ARADNAC comment (e): Removal of the bolts from the blades and blade grips revealed that the shear force on the red blade bolts was opposite that on the white blade bolts (encl (5) of AAR encl (18)).

AAB commont: This indicates sudden stoppage of the tail rotor.

ARADMAC comment (f): Examination of the hub assembly, P/N 204-011-701-13, revealed that the yoke had pounded against the static stop, F/N 204-010-774-11 (encl (6) of AAR encl (18)), causing the hub mut, P/N 204-010-719-1, to strip in the threaded area.

AAB comment: As discussed in paragraph i, 90° Gear Box DIR, indications are that this occurred during the impact sequence. Had it separated during flight, the tail rotor would have separated from the aircraft causing a violent rotation and subsequent large wreckage dispersion.

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ARADMAC comment (g): One bolt was missing from the crosshead, P/N 204-011-711-3 and slider, P/N 204-010-720-3 (encl (7) and (8) of a.R encl (18)). Examination of the outboard side of the crosshead revealed that the washer under the head of the bolt had contacted the crosshead several times (encl (9) of AAR encl (18)). Microscopic examination of the bolt hole in the crosshead revealed that impressions of threads from the bolt had been worn into the inboard side of the bolt hole (encl (10) of AAR encl (18)). Thread mark impressions were also noted in the bolt hole in the flange of the slider (encl (11) of AAR encl (18)).

"washer marks." There is no apparent way the washer could move over to do this damage, even during failure. Investigation reveals that those marks were probably made by a 7/16" open end wrench as illustrated in encl (32). When the wrench is moved forward the lower edge rests exactly in the marks. When the wrench is placed on the other side it matches exactly with the marks there. This probably occurs when a nut is being put on with a rachet and the 7/16" wrench is allowed to rest against the marks. The same marks were found in other aircraft crossheads, although not to the same degree. The "thread marks" ARADMAC noted as appearing in the crosshead and in the flange of the slide were also found in the opposite (unfailed) bolt holes in the crosshead and slider as well as in other aircraft in the squadron. The marks are not deemed significant in the accident.

ARADNAC conclusions: That the loss of bolt, P/N AN174-14A, and nut, P/N NAS679-A4, caused loss of the tail rotor control system. A loose slider would cause a high frequency vibration and inability to make normal turns because of improper blade angles.

AAB comments: The board feels that, although there is a good possibility that a loss of the crosshead and slider assembly nut/bolt could cause a high frequency vibration with attendant loss of some degree of tail rotor control, there is insufficent evidence to support ARADMAC's conclusion that the nut/bolt loss would cause "loss of the tail rotor control system". To the contrary, the results of the BHC dynamic tests (encl (19) as commented on below) indicate the possibility that no appreciable difficulty would result from loss of the nut/bolt.

- 4. Resure' of Bell Heliconter Company Report (encl (19)). This report consists of three separate sections.
- a. Wrockero Analysis. The basic letter in encl (19) contains the results of the investigation of wrockage parts at Camp Pendleton by a Project Engineer and a Metallurgist.
- (1) BHC Conclusions: "The remaining parts (other than those sent to ARADMAC) revealed no fatigue or structural breaks that were the initiating cause of the accident, but several points were observed that may aid in the investigation". (Comments were also made on tail rotor component tests and are covered in paragraph cobelow).
- (2) AAB Comments: The two factory representatives had access to the total wreckage except for those components sent to ARADMAC. Investigation was conducted at a hangar lay-out of the parts concurrently with a AAB re-examination. The board concurs that nothing was discovered at Camp Pendleton that was a possible cause factor in the accident. Several facts commented on however, did aid in impact analysis:
- (a) Indications of right skid at impact: Right forward bending of the cyclic control counter weight posts, fifth mount crushed on the right side (plus a lower right segment of the engine was broken away), the right mounting hole in the fifth mount support is elongated to the rear, and radios indicated impact at 20° right of the longitudinal axis.
- (b) Indications of two impacts by the white main rotor blade supports the board's impact analysis.
- b. Metallurgical. (Appendix A to encl (19)). This section of the report contains results of a visual analysis by a BHC metallurgist who observed the ARADMAC DIR's.

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- (1) BHC Conclusions: "The parts received at ARADMAC were soverelyfire damaged and contained numerous fractures and items of secondary damage. All the fractures viewed appeared to be secondary static overload fractures, the result of ground impact. None of the components exhibited gross wear, corresion, or evidence of malfunction which might have started an accident sequence."
- (2) AAB Comments: The BHC metallurgist's observations and conclusions are consistent with those documented in the ARADMAC DIR's except concerning the crosshead. The Bell report comment on the crosshead was as follows: "One of the two bolts which secure the slider to the crosshead was missing. Because of dirt and fire damage, simple visual examination could not determine if the bolt had fractured on impact or had come out earlier. The ears on the crosshead were bent in a shallow "S" shape."

## c. Thil Rotor Slider and Crosshead Tests (Appendix B to encl (19))

"In an effort to determine whether the loss of one of the two tail rotor slider to crosshead bolts could precipitate loss of the tail rotor, three separate tests were conducted. With one bolt missing, a static load-deflection test was performed to determine whether flight measured loads would produce deflections of sufficient magnitude to impair the operation of the tail rotor. A whirl test was conducted with one bolt loosened and then missing under various conditions of pitch, track, and rpm in an effort to excite a dynamic instability. Finally, a crosshead-slider assembly was loaded statically with all bolts installed and properly torqued to determine what component would fail first and at what pitch link load magnitude the failure would occur."

- (1) BHC Conclusions (from para 6. of basic report): "As noted in the detailed test report the exact environment of the helicopter cannot be duplicated, and therefore the result of the test are not necessarily conclusive. However, the magnitude of the loads applied to cause the pitch change link to fail is so far above normal loads that it is assumed the damage must have occurred at impact."
- (2) AB comments! The board would agree that there is a definite pos ibility that the nut/bolt failure could have occurred on impact. However, even though the BHC whirl tests indicate there was little apprecainble problem induced by removal of the bolt for the tests the board feels a 110 knot flight environment with its unpredictable and varying dynamic stresses could induce vibration and control problems. Under flight stress the loss or loosening of one nut/bolt on the crosshead and slider assembly possibly could induce separation of the crosshead and slider on the side of the missing/loose nut/bolt (see encl (8) to AAR encl (18)) resulting in an out-of-track condition and a high frequency vibration, with some loss of tail rotor control. This constantly changing out-of-track condition could cause the cross head to work back and forth about the flanged end of the slider, with the slider unable to follow due to its being splined securely to the drive shaft. This could possibly result in the slight "S" bend soen on the flange (encl 8 of AAR encl 18) (Neither ARADMAC nor Boll commented on this "S" bend).

Had the above condition existed in UV-13 the board feels it is probable that the pilot would still retain a large degree of tail rotor (directional) control and would attempt to land, with minimum power settings, as soon as possible.

- 5. Tailure analysis of Grosshend and Slider Assembly BOLT (AN 174-154) and Nut (NAS 679-A4). The nut/bolt unit definitely failed, however since the unit is missing it is impossible to determine which part failed.
- strans beyond the design limitation, or to fatigue/material failure because of internal defects.
- (2) If the nut failed it could have occurred under the same conditions as listed for bolt failure above or it could have occurred airborne as a result of material failure, loss of self-locking properties through reuse or as the result of having been improperly torqued. Stress/material/fatigue failure cannot be checked since the nut is missing. The remaining factors are discussed below.
- (a) Investigation within the Squadron Maintenance Section revealed that the nuts, although a self-locking one time usage item for this type installation, were possibly being re-used. Verbal statements to this effect were made by two different supervisory personnel from the maintenance department. Reuse of the nut is contrary to the policy promulgated by the squadron maintenance officer (encl (33)). When these nuts are installed they are torqued to 70-95 inch pounds (encl (33)). Subsequent to the scident the break away torque was checked on all crosshead and slider assemblies in VMO-5. All readings were between 70-95 inch pounds, except one which was 120 inch pounds (possibly explainable by a spot of rust or corrosion). The average reading, excepting the one overtorque, was 88 inch pounds.
- (1) NA 01-110 HCA-2, MIMS for UH-1E, SECTION 7, Chapter 3, page 3-44 pers 3-120, INSTALLATION-TAIL ROTOR HUB and BLADE ASSEMBLY, gives detailed instructions to follow for correct installation of the tail rotor. Sub-paragraph F covers securing the cross head and slider together as follows: "Align parts and install two bolts, with washers under heads, through crosshead, shim, retainer plate, and flange of slider. Secure with washers and nuts". There is no caution given concerning the reuse of self-locking nuts in either the disassembly or assembly procedures. There is no torque listed and there is no standard torque table in the MIMS.
- (2) NAVWEPS 01-1A-8, TECHNICAL MANUAL FOR AIRCRAFT STRUCTURAL HARDWARE, Section 5, Page 5-1, Pare 5-4 states, "New self-locking nuts will be used each time components are installed in critical areas throughout entire aircraft including all flight, engine, and fuel control linkage and attachments." The manual gives instructions in pare 5-10 on how to check the nuts for reuse in noncritical areas as follows:

"Notal and nonnetallic insert type locking muts 3/8 inch and smaller may be checked by the "Finger-tight" method. If a mut can be run down with the fingers after the locking feature engages the bolt or stud, indicating the locking friction does not exist, it should be replaced."

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- (3) NAVWEPS 00-15PH-500, TECHINICAL INSPECTION MANUAL FOR AIRCRAFT COMPONENTS, VOLUME VIII, SECTION I, Para 4.h.2 (page 12) states "Self-locking nuts may be reused a maximum of fifteen times, provided examination shows them to be in acceptable condition." There is no information given on one time usage in critical areas or instructions for checking the nut for reuse.
- (4) NAVWEPS 17-1-108. TECHNICAL MANUAL. USE, CARE, AND TESTING INSTRUCTIONS, TORQUE TOOLS; SECTION IV, page 4, pare 4-6 references a table of standard torque values which is Table II of this manual. It explains that in most instances the torque will be obtained from a table, similar to Table II, in the general instruction section of the aircraft maintenance menual and that Table II is a standard table of recommended torque values for tightening different types of standard nuts. It further explains that Table II or its equivalent should be consulted for the correct torque value for any fastener that does not have a torque value specified in the assembly instructions. Table II is made up of five columns, with column one giving bolt diameter and threads per inch and the remaining four columns giving the proper torque under different combinations of tensile strength, shear type, tension type and other type nuts. The user must then determine the bolt dinmeter, threads per inch, tensile strength of bolt, and whether the nut is shear, tension or other type. This namual does not contain this information so the user must now go to the NAVWEPS O1-1A-8 and identify the bolt by the identifying marks on the bolt head. There is no determination as to shear on tension type nuts so the user must now determine what his particular application is.
- (5) The bolt used in this installation is to diameter, 28 threads per inch with a tensile strength of 125,000 PSI in a tension type installation. Following is a listing of torque values for this installation extracted from the indicated references.

NAVWEPS 17-1-108 50-70 inch pounds NAVWEPS 00-15PH-500 50-70 inch pounds NAVWEPS 01B-15AB-2 70-95 inch pounds NAVWEPS 17-1-526 70-100 inch pounds

- 6. Instrumentation. Section VI lists instrumentation and avionics components with degree of damage.
- or flight characteristics was derived from the recovered control units.

  Control units not recovered were: FM control, compass control, TACAN

  control, UHF control, and Low Frequency ADF control. No switch settings

  of any control were established from the recovered units.

b. The only avionics component which yielded possible useful information was the TACAN set. The RF module indicates a probable channel selection of either 58, 59, 60, or 61. The only local TACAN beacon utilizing a channel cited is the Ontario beacon, channel 59.

7. Safety and Survival Equipment. No protective equipment, either personal or in the aircraft, is designed to protect the user against the extreme forces that were encountered in the againent. All items of aircraft equipment appear to have functioned properly within design limitations (no reference to "G" limitations on the assored seats could be found).

All occupants of the aircraft were properly equipped with personal safety and survival equipment except that parachutes were not carried since they were incompatible with the armored seats (see encl 34).

- 8. Cause Factors includes

  The wreckage was checked at the crash site and later in great detail at Camp Pendleton during two separate wreckage reconstructions on the hangar floor. The following general areas were considered, singly and in combination, in investigating and analyzing possible cause factors of the accident: a. engine malfunction; b. other component/system malfunctions; c. control malfunctions; d. fire in flight; and e. pilot factor.
- a. Enrine Malfunction. On the face of it this accident had strong indications of a classic engine failure. As discussed earlier however, the engine was operating normally (55-60% RPM at impact ) with the fuel control in the automatic (normal) position.
- b. Other Component/Systems Failure. The prime suspect in this area is the failure of the rotor nut/bolt on the crosshead and slider assembly; this has been commented on in detail on page 22. All wrockage parts were checked for indications of fatigue failure/component malfunction. The board did not discover any evidence, nor is there any shown in the AR-DMAC DIR's or the BHC report, that tends to show a component/system failure or malfunction prior to impact.
- (1) Dual Hydraulic Failure. One item of particular interest was the possibility of a dual hydraulic control failure. At cruising airspeed two pilots should be able to control this malfunction, however with excessive power or attitude changes the situation might get out of hand. This would help explain a descent through a broken cloud layer in mountainous terrain and the steep impact attitude. The most probable malfunction that would result in a dual hydraulic failure would be a shearing of the common shaft that drives both hydraulic pumps from the transmission. ARADMAC found this shaft to be intact; they could deduce nothing from the two pumps, however, because of severe fire damage.
- (2) Erroncous Warning System Indication. Due to the low noise level of the engine, the UH-1E has a low RPM warning light and horn installed to alert the pilot to a dangerous condition. This could easily be the first realized indication of engine failure. The warning system has inputs from both the engine and rotor tachometer generators and the failure of either will activate the system.

  The immediate pilot response is normally to lower collective and cross check the other instruments. Had this occurred just above a cloud layer there is a possibility the aircraft could go IFR prior to the pilot completing the instrument cross check. A subsequent attempt to descend through an area of increased visibility (thin spot) could have led to the crash. A tachometer generator failure can be neither confirmed nor denied since both units were almost entirely consumed in the post-impact fire.

- c. Control Malfunction. Again, as in b. above, no evidence (other than the missing tail rotor bolt) has been discovered to indicate a control malfunction. Items of particular interest in this area are:
- (1) Synchronized elevator control failure. At the board's request BHC ran a computer study of the effects of malfunction of the synchronized elevator control. Their study indicated that, at 120 kts, an uncontrolled elevator would seek a new, but unpredictable, position. If the pilot acted abruptly to counterast the resultant aircraft movement he could induce a (severe) flapping motion in the main rotor blades. The aircraft would tend to porpoise, with a good probability that the main rotor blades would strike the tail boom. Wreckage analysis in this accident is completely contrary to this probable sequence. Additionally there was no evidence of any elevator control malfunction or damage other than that caused at impact.
- (2) Engine cowling jamming main rotor dynamic components. There was no evidence of any scarring or jamming of main rotor components or cowling darage not attributed to impact stress.
- (3) Flight controls jarmed by a tool found at crash site. A pair of badly bent bolt cutters was found in the wreckage. The cutters are normally carried in the cabin during hoist hops to cut the hoist cable in an emergency if the explosive cable cutter malfunctions. The Material Laboratory at NAS North Island determined that they were bent during impact; there was no indication of their having been in the control system.
  - (4) Reter jammed by heist cable. The heist hook was not found in the wreckage, indicating the possibility of an inadvertent cable reel-out and subsequent jamming of reter components. This possibility was not borne out by the evidence: measurement of the remaining cable on the drum accounts for total normal length; the length of the cable unrooled from the drum is the normal length from the drum to the hook in the full up position. It is theorized that as the aircraft impacted, the heavy hoist motor and drum ripped free, jerking the cable through the heist boom. The hook was stopped when it contacted the boom, was sheared off at the attachment point and was thrown clear of the immediate crash site. There was no indication of scarring or jamming in the main reter components.
- d. Fire In Flight. No evidence was found to indicate a fire in flight. A selective computer run by Naval Aviation Safety Center on UH-1E in-flight fires (encl (36)) was inconclusive in pointing out additional areas of investigation and analysis.

### e. Pilot Factor.

(1) As discussed previously on page 13. Lt GREENLESE was an extremely experienced and conscienticus helicopter pilot and instructor, though schowhat lacking in mechanical aptitude. This is indicated by the following incidents which occurred within the preceeding year:

- (a) During May 1966, at March AFB, the engine would not turn over and the starter got hot while attempting start on UH-1E. Lt GREENLEESE was not the pilot in command but was the more experienced of the two. The pilots allowed the starter to cool and again attempted to start. This time the engine started and the aircraft was returned to MCALF Camp Pendleton. After shutdown it was determined that the turbine blades were scoring and complete failure could occur at any time.
- (b) During November 1966, while flying at MCALF Camp Pendleton
  Lt G.MENIERSE experienced loss of one hydraulic boost system, which caused
  loss of the tail rotor boost. He immediately shut down the engine and executed a full autorotation to ICALF Camp Pendleton. (This is considered
  improper pilot response as the only effect of the loss of this system is
  heavier than normal control pressure on the rudder pedals).
- (c) During November or December 1966 while flying over Ramona airstrip a pilet-passenger in the passenger compartment opened an overhead air vent and water that had accumulated in the vent sprayed in. The passenger was unfamiliar with the aircraft and shouted "fuel in the cockpit." It GREENIEESE shut down the engine and shot a full autorotation to Ramona (This is considered improper pilot response as the location of the fuel cells behind the passenger compartment makes the possibility of fuel entering the overhead air vent extremely remote).
- (d) During March 1967 while flying at Laguna AAF Lt GREENIEESE, as instructor pilot, was demonstrating a practice autorotation. During the flare, and while still in a mose high attitude, the rear skids contacted the ground before the collective pitch was brought in. The subsequent hard landing caused the main rotor blade to flex down and strike the tail boom just forward of the 42° gear box and sever the tail rotor drive shaft. (VMC-5 Incident 5-67I). (This incident is not indicative of lack of mechanical aptitude but does continue Lt GREENIEESE's recent series of incidents).
- (2) A check of the above incidents, written examinations and instructional techniques indicate that Lt GREENLEESE's normal reaction to unusual/emergency circumstances in the cockpit was to autorotate and land as soon as possible. This, coupled with his complete familiarity with the area in which UV-13 crashed, might help to explain a decision to descend in mountainous termin in marginal weather, if in fact there was a choice.
- The NATOPS Flight Manual procedure for tail rotor failure and tail rotor control failure is to roll throttle off to flight idle and execute an autorotative landing. If a tail rotor malfunction did occur as described on page 24., it is possible that it was controllable but that Lt GREENLESSE, relying heavily on pre-planned procedures, executed an autorotation.
- (3) During the flight prededing the recident Lt GREE LESE deviated from proper procedure, as follows:

- (a) In filing a "VFR Direct" flight plan with Flight Service without explaining delay enroute to accomplish his local mission cast of Santa Ana.
- (b) In proceeding above 3000 feet terrain clearance (5500 feet over Huntington Beach) without parachutes. (Back pack parachutes are available in the aquadran but they cannot be worn with the armored seat (anc. (34)).
- (c) In not checking in with MCAF Santa Ana tower which controls the area in which he was working and initiates schreh procedures for aircraft that are overdue.
- (4) Lt FUNCHEON, as the pilot being checked, was probably at the controls when the accident sequence commenced. His known attitude of over-confidence might have led him to place the aircraft in a position that would become immediately untenable should even a minor malfunction occur. Lt GHEENIEESE might have allowed this, in keeping with his known normal PQM check policy of pushing the transition pilot to the limit and allowing him to make his own mistakes.

The Mayday transmission was definitely broadcast by Lt FUNCHEON (as confirmed by close friends in the squadron). Though the tone of voice was strained and the tempo somewhat hurried there was no apparent panic, indicating to the board that an emergency situation existed but that it was under some somblance of control. There was no indication of an aircraft vibration or rotor beat in the voice. The transmission breaks off cleanly at the end of the phrase "one four miles south" which indicates voluntary unkeying rather than impact.

- (5) At the time of the crash the two pilots had been flying sufficiently long (3.6 hours in a five hour period) to feel completely acclimated in the aircraft, yet not so long that they should have been unduly fatigued (both had received sufficient rest the night before and had eaten lunch at Pt. Vicente immediately prior to the flight).
- 9. Flight Profile and Energency/Crash Sequence. (See Encl (2)).
  Although the flight profile and energency/crash sequence of UV-13 cannot definitely be determined, the following possible sequence is consistent with known facts: UV-13 took off from Pt. Vicente at 1219U and climbed to its last known position just west of Huntington Beach at 5500 feet at 1228U. The aircraft proceeded across the El Toro control gone above a broken cloud layer at 5500 feet heading approximately 080° to attempt a practice Confined Area Landing at Santiago Peak. The top of the broken layer was higher towards the mountains, with just the top of the main peak visible. Ontario TACAN was selected as the preferred radio reference point. The flight continued at 5500 feet with Lt FUNCHEON at the controls, turning to pass to the south of the peak prior to making an approach along the ridge from the southeast. (This flight path places the aircraft approximately two miles south-southwest of Santiago Fork one to two

minutes prior to the Mayday call.) At this point a tail rotor crosshead and slider assembly nut/bolt failure occurs, resulting in a moderate high freguncy vibration. Lt GREENIEESE now takes control of the aircraft, reduces power and airspeed to decrease the vibration while climbing slightly and attempts to analyze the malfunction. He commences an approach pattern that will allow him to make a productionary landing at Santiago he k from the southeast. The aircraft is now at 70 kts and 5800 feet (10/ feet above peak elevation) 14 miles south of Ontario TACAN (channel 59). Because of the progressive increase in the severity of the vibration with partial loss of tail rotor control, Lt GREENLEESE decidos he cannot make a successful landing at the rather restricted peak site. He reduces power to make a flight idle autorotation through a hole in the broken cloud layer. intending to land at the first suitable site. He tells Lt FUNCHEON to broadcast a knyway. It FUNCHEON attempts to switch to Guard channel on the UHF radio and by mistake gots Channal One (Navy primary 340.2 MCS, a frequency not normally used in the local area). He broadcasts "Mayday, Mayday, Mayday, Uniform Victor One Three" then unkeys to check his position. The aircraft is now descending in a left hand turn with a 2000 feet per minute rate of descent. Lt FUNCHEON broadcasts "one-four miles south" and cannot remember the name of the TACAN that is solocted. The aircraft goes IFR and Lt GREENLESS goes on instruments, bringing his scan inside the cockpit. Lt FUNCHEON gives up on the radio call since he doesn't know what else to say and is more interested in what is going on in the cockpit. Neither pilot thinks to switch to IFF"Emorgoncy".

The aircraft is now at 4600 feet heading generally morthwest, still in an instrument autorotation and turning gently left. Then Lt GREENLESE sees the mountain side immediately shead. He attempts a hard left turn to go down slope to the southeast, banking 60° to the left and nosing down for a short turn radius. He attempts to pull the nose through with aft cyclic and applies some up collective. The aircraft almost completes its turn down slope, but without power cannot completely stop the original direction of travel and is mushing slightly. The rotor RPM has decreased, the nose position is steep (45-50° to the slope) and tucking further, descent speed is high and ground speed is very slow as the white blade strikes the ground a glancing blow at the 12 o'clock position, commencing the impact sequence described in section VI. Total elapsed time from 5800 feet to impact at 4400 feet is approximately 30 seconds.

The above flight profile and emergency/crash sequence could also be correct for any malfunction that would cause the pilot to enter an autoritation while still retaining a large degree of aircraft control.

10. Reder Altimeter. Flying a UH-1E above a broken or overcast cloud layer in m untainous terrain leaves little margin for error when an emergency occurs. It is possible that the tragic results of this accident could have been averted, once the emergency occured, had the pilot been able to determine his altitude above terrain during the ensuing autorotation. At the very least it could have allowed him to slow his rate of descent while still in instrument conditions and prior to impact.

11. <u>Parachutes</u>. It is possible that lack of parachutes contributed to the fatalities in this accident, most particularly of the two aft crew members. Back-pack parachutes are available in the squadron, however they are incompatible with the UH-1E (pilot) armored seat (see encl 34); no crew member was wearing one.

#### 12. NATOPS

- a. There was no known NATOPS requirement or procedure that was a factor in the accident.
- b. The NATOPS Manual was being complied with except that during the flight preceding the accident the aircraft exceeded 3,000 feet terrain clearance without parachutes.
- c. Nothing in this accident indicates a need for a change in the NATOPS Mahual.

#### PART VIII CONCLUSIONS

The board concluded:

- 1. That the cause of the accident cannot be determined.
- 2. That the most probable cause was an airborne malfunction, possibly a failure of a nut/bolt in the tail rotor crosshead and slider assembly, which precipitated emergency procedures.
- 3. That weather probably was a contributing factor.
- 4. That the Maintenance Manuals are incomplete, confusing, and conflicting concerning self-locking nuts and required torque values.
- 5. That the squadron maintenance department did not properly ensure compliance with the policy prohibiting rouse of self-locking nuts in critical areas.
- 6. That the seriousness of the accident might have been lessened had a redar altimeter installation been in the aircraft.
- 7. That no known parachute is suitable for use with the UH-1E ar-
- 8. That proper flight filing, RIO procedures, and use of IFF "Emergency" would have expedited discovery of the crash site.

#### PART IX RECOMMENDATIONS

The board recognends:

- 1. That futher dynamic testing of UH-1E tail rotor components be conducted to better determine the effect of various component failures.
- 2. That the self locking but NAS 679-A/, be replaced in critical areas thoughout the aircraft (including all flight, engine, and fuel control linkages and attachments) with the castellated mit with self-locking insert MS 17825 series.
- 3. That until such time as the self-locking nut NAS679-A4 is no longer used in critical areas, the nut be designated a one time usage item regardless of installation.
- 4. That standard torque tables be included in NA 01-110HCA-2 Maintenance Manual for UH-1E Aircraft and that specific torque values be listed for muts/bolts in critical areas.
- 5. That existing maintenance reference manuals be standardized.
- 6. That the squadron maintenance department re-exphasize, for all personnel, the correct maintenance procedures for critical areas and that an aggressive and continuing program of training and quality control be prosecuted.
- 7. That a racer altimeter be installed in all UH-1E aircraft.
- 8. That a suitable paradhute egress procedure be devised for use with the UN-1E argored seat.
- 9. That continued emphasis be placed on the necessity for correct flight filing, and RIO procedures, and on the importance of switching to IFF "Emergency" when in difficulty.

- 1. Medical Officer's Report (Original Only)
- Flight Profile Sketch
- 3. View of Wreckage from Bown Slope
- 4. View of Wreckage from Up Slope
- Impact Sequence Sketch
- 6. Wreckage Diagram
- 7. Aircraft Component History
- 8. Preliminary DE 43G
- 9. Preliminary Overspeed Governor DIR MSG
- 10. Gas Turbine Engine DIR
- 11. Engine to MAN Drive Shaft Assy DIR
- 12. Transmission DIR
- 13. Pylon Installation DIR
- 14. Hydraulic Flight Control DIR
- 15. Tail Rotor Drive Shaft DIR
- lo. 42° Gear Box DIR
- 17. 90° Gear Box DIR
- 13. Tail Rotor Installation DIR
- 19. Bell Helicopter Company Technical Data Report
- 20. View of Wreckage and Terrain 21. View of Rotor and 900 Gear Box
- 22. Flight Schedule 14 April 1967
- 23. Resume of Pilots' Flying Experience
- 24. Statement of Lance Corporal (b) (6)
- 25. Statement of Corporal (b) (6)
- 26. Transcript of Radio Transmissions with Long Beach Approach Control
- 27. Aircraft Emergency/Accident Data Form (Weather)
- 28. Transcription of Mayday Transmission
- 29. Statement of LtCol. (b) (6)
- 30. Rescue Report
- 31. Aircraft Operations and Maintenance Summary
- 32. View of Wrench Marks on Crosshead
- 33. Statement of Major (b) (6)
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- 35. UH-1E Inflight Fire Listing

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FIRST SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON VHO-5 MOR 1-67A, UH-1E Bullo 152437, PILOT GREENLESSE, OF 14 APRIL 1967

From: Commanding Officer

Commander, Naval Aviation Safety Center, Naval Air Station, To: Norfolk, Virginia 23511 (Attn: Aero-Medical Department)

Subj: First Supplementary report to VMC-5 MER 1-67A, 14 April 1967, UH-1E Bullo 152437, PILOT GREENLESSE

Encl: Toxicologic and Histologic tests, results of

1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded for information. This is additional negative information which was not available at the time MOR 1-67A was Submitted. The comments of the investigating Medical Officer are included.

By direction

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> MOR 1-67A UH-1E, BuNo 152437 14 April 1967

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

TOXICOLOGIC AND HISTOLOGIC TESTS ON THE POLLOWING:

PLUM, Harold E., Capt. USMC (b) (6)

GREENLESSE, William E., 1stLt USMC, (b) (6)

FUNCHEON, Edward J., 2ndLt USMCR, (b) (6)

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HILLANE, Richard D., CPL USMC, (b) (6)

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SUPPLEMENTARY HOPOLT for MOR 1-67A of VID-5 14April 1967, UH-1E BING 152437, Pilot GRIENIESE

- 1. TOXICOLOGIC THETS: Were performed on all occupants of the involved sircraft.
  - a. Tests were done on whatever specimens were available.
  - b. All of the test results are non-significant. They tended to rule out the factors of: drugs, in-flight fire, alcohol.
- g. HISTOLOGIC TESTS:
  - a. Lungs of all crew members showed (b) (6)
    (b) (6) In view of the lack of evidence for in-flight fire, this (b) (6) is felt related to severe deceleration.
- 3. The causes of death remain the same.
- E. The conclusions of the MOR remain unchanged.

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LT MC USNR Investigating flight surgeon

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Enclosure (1)

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URINE

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Acetone

Acid, basic, and neutral drugs

SUBJECT

RESULTS

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#### TOXICOLOGY REPORT CORONER'S OFFICE ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

NAME OF DECEASED: PLU	M, Harold Elihu	AGE: 31	SEX: Male
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CONCLUSIONS:

No significant toxicological material found in sample submitted.

DISPOSITION OF MATERIAL

Refragerator

LR NO. \_\_\_\_ C67-172

EXAMINER:

ROBERT H. CRAVEY

CHIEF TOXICOLOGIST

DATE OF REPORT 4/25/67

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INVESTIGATOR Batherton NO. 67-1179 TOXICOLOGY REPORT CORONER'S OFFICE ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA NAME OF DECEASED: GREENLEESE, William Ernest \*AGE; 35 SEX: Male DATE AND HOUR OF DEATH: 4/14/67 12:45 p.m. MATERIAL SUBMITTED (UNEMBALMED): Brain, Liver, Spleen, Kidney CHAIN OF POSSESSION: Dr. Richards, Porrester, Eatherton, Freezer, DATE AND HOUR SUBMITTED TO TOXICOLOGY LAB: 4/18/67 8:00 a.m. OBSERVATIONS AND TESTS: CONCLUSIONS: No significant toxicological material was found in the specimens submitted. DISPOSITION OF MATERIAL Refrigirator EXAMINER: LR NO. C67-169

ROBERT H. CRAVEY

CHIEF TOXICOLOGIST

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CORONER'S OFFICE

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CHAIN OF POSSESSION: Dr.	Richards,	Porrester,	Eatherton,	Freezer, Bas	el
DATE AND HOUR SUBMITTED	TO TOXICOLO	GY LAB: 4/1	18/67	8:00 a.m.	
OBSERVATIONS AND TESTS:					

CONCLUSIONS:
No significant toxicological material was found in the specimens submitted.

DISPOSITION OF MATERIAL Freezer

LR NO. 7-171

DATE OF REPORT 4/25/67

EXAMINER:

ROBERT H. CRAVEY

CHIEF TOXICOLOGIST

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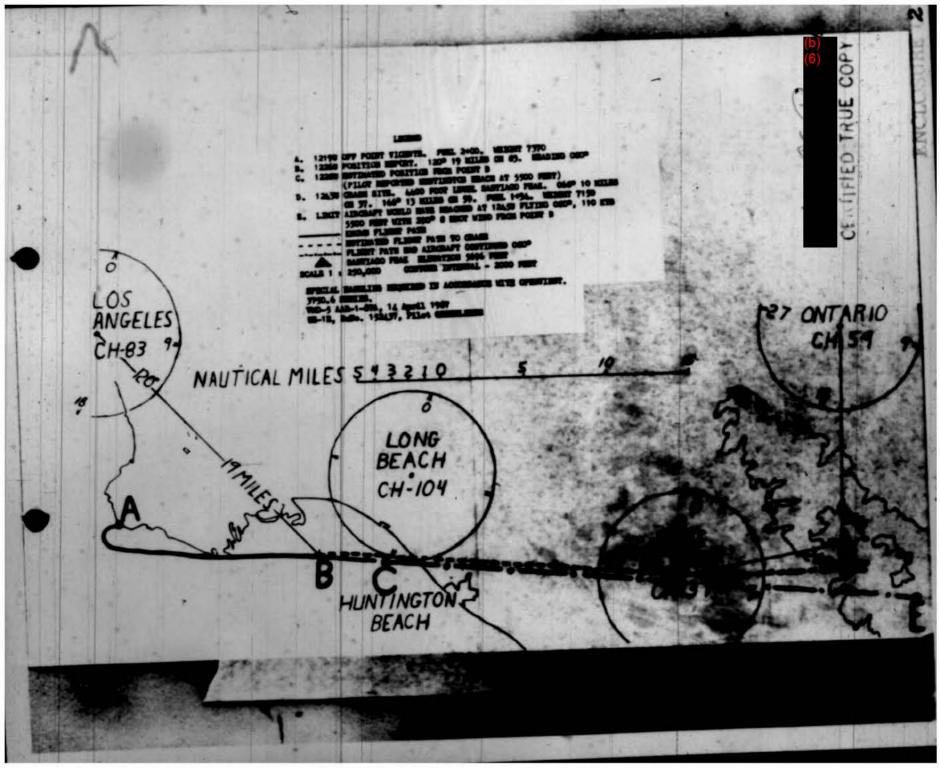
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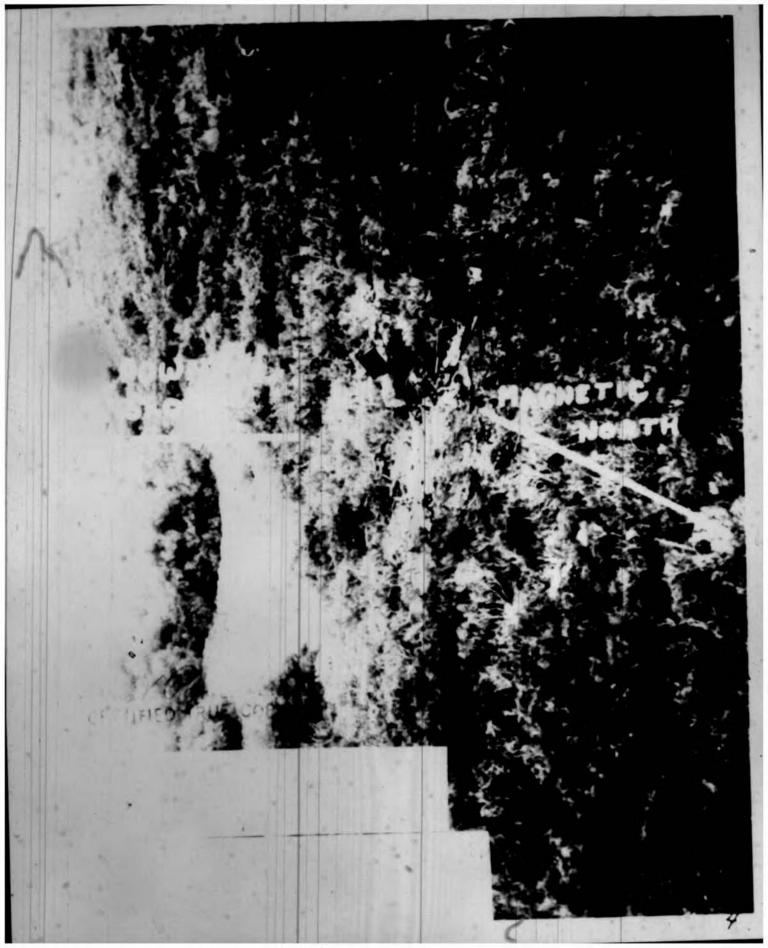


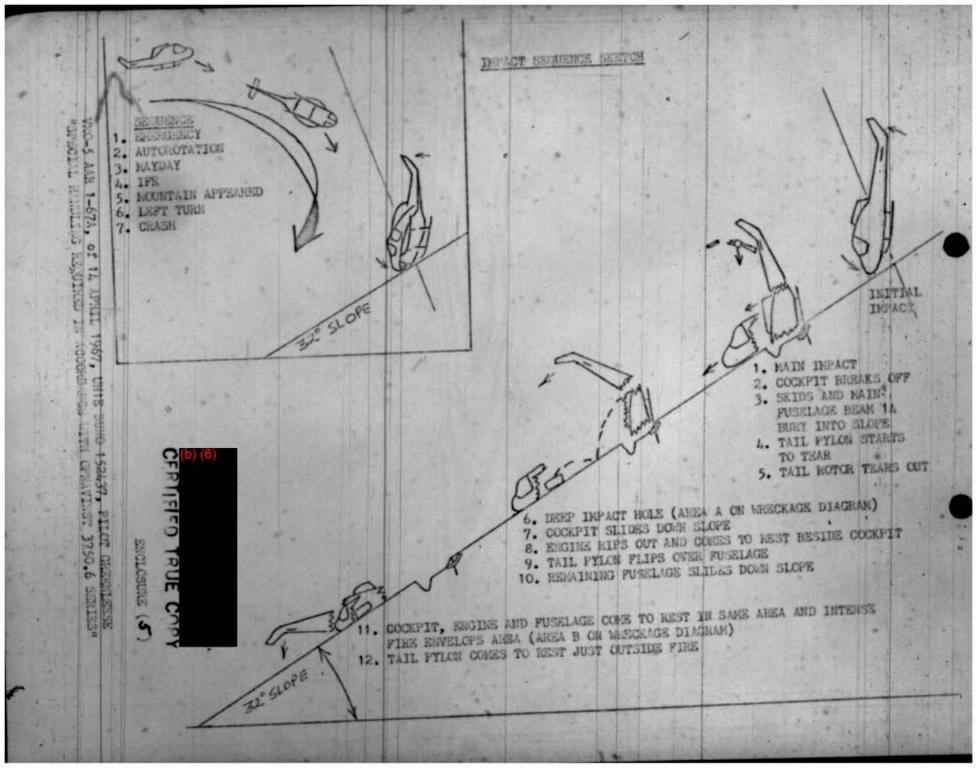
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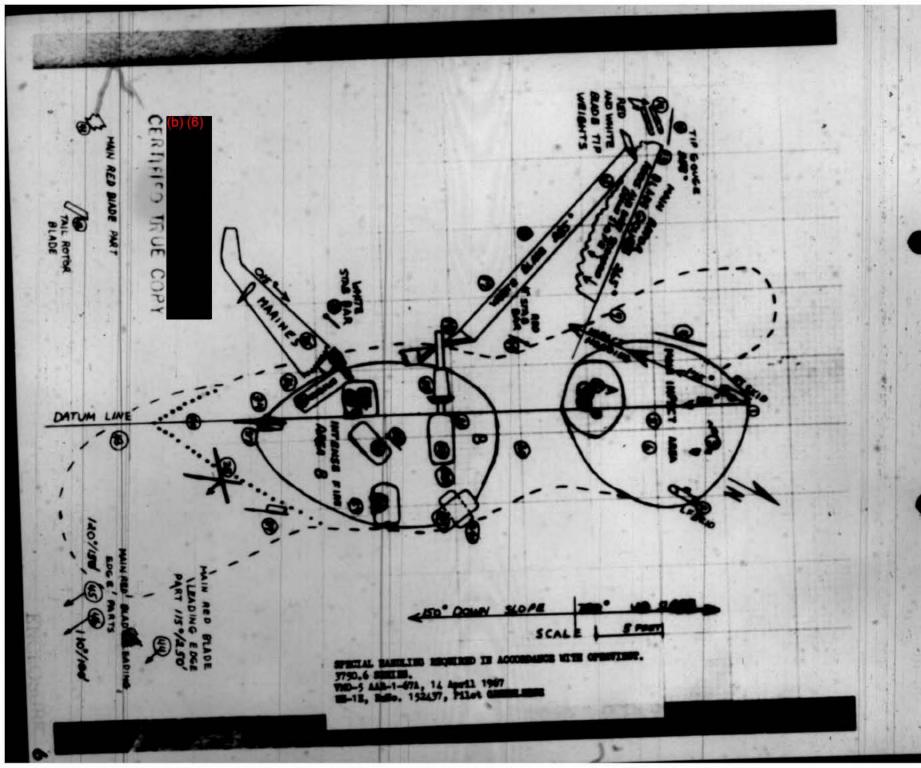
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#### WRECKAGE DIAGRAM LEGEND

- 1. PRONT SECTION OF RIGHT LINDING SKID, 25 INCHES LONG IMPACTED 1750.
- 2. FRONT SECTION OF LEFT LANDING SKID, 27 INCHES LONG IMPACTED 1750.
- 3. ICHGR ANGLE BEAM 14 LEFT, STARTING STATION 80.50 BURIED 27 INCHES.
  LOWER ANGLE BEAM 14 RIGHT, BURIED 24.5 INCHES.
  UHF/ADF ANTENNA COVER PROGMENT.
- 4. FM AUTENNA.
- 5. FORWARD AVIONICS DOOR FRAGMENTS.
- 6. SEARCH LIGHT.
- 7. 90° GEAR BOX.
  TAIL ROTOR ASSEMBLY.
  RESCUE HOIST BOOM.
  STABILIZER BAR RETAINING ROD.
- 8. CREWCHIEF HARD HAT FR. CHENTS.
- 9. SHORT SHAFT.
- 10. MAIN INPUT QUILL.
- 11. VERTICAL SPEED INDICATOR.
- 12. WHITE MAIN ROTOR BLADE TIP GOUGE 2480, 3 FEET LONG.
- 13. RED.M.IN ECTOR BLADE GOUGE 2650, 12 FEET LONG.
- 14. RED AND WHITE MAIN ROTOR BLADE TIP WEIGHTS.
- 15. WHITE M IN ROTCH BLADE.
- 16. TAIL ROTOR DRIVE SHAFT TOP COVER.
  TAIL ROTOR DRIVE SHAFT SECTION #2.
- 17. AFT AVIONICS ACCESS DOOR.
- 18. HOIST. ENGINE COWLING FRACMENTS.

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- 19. RED ST. BILIZER BAR.
- 20. CYCLIC PARTS.
- 21. LEFT CUN SIGHT.
- 22. TOOLS.
- 23. CREW CHIEF.
- 24. CO-PILOT SEAT.
- 24a. OBSERVER UNDERNEATH SEAT.
- 25. PILOT SEAT (PILOT IN SEAT).
- 26. CO-PILOT.
- 27. TRANSMISSION.
- 28. RIGHT COLLECTIVE.
- 29. NOSE COMPARTMENT H. DIOS.
- 30. LEFT FUEL CELL.
- 31. WHITE STABILIZER BAR.
- 32. TAILPIPE AND ENGINE FIREWALL ASSEMBLY.
- 33. ENGINE.
- 34. BATTERY.
- 35. TAIL BOOM.
- 36° HEATER COWLING.
  ROTOR BRAKE.
  TRANSMISSION MOUNTS (2).
- 37. RIGHT GUN MOUNT.
- 38. LEFT SKID ASSEMBLY.
  RIGHT SKID.
  CYCLIC STICK MOUNT BRACKET.
- 39. LEFT GUN MOUNT.

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- 46. HYDRAULIC MODULE.
- 41. PART OF RED MAIN ROTOR BLADE.
- 42. WHITE TAIL HOTOR BLADE.
- 43. MICROPHONE AMPLIPIER (HEADSET).
- 44. SECTION OF RED MAIN ROTOR BLADE LEADING EDGE, 8 FEET 6 INCHES LONG (1150; 250 FEET)
- 45. SECTION OF RED M.IN ROTOR BL.DE IE DING EDGE (1200; 150 FEET).
- 46. AFT EDGE OF MAIN SPAR OF RED MAIN ROTOR BLADE (1100; 100 FEET).

## DETAIL A. DEEP HOLE WITHIN MAIN IMPACT AREA.

- 1. CLEANING PORTS FOR RIGHT AND LEFT NOSE BUBBLE SECTIONS.
- 2. HARD HAT PRACMENTS.
- 3. SECTION OF CENTER WIND SCREEN POST.
- 4. RETAINING HOOKS FOR PASSENGER SEATS, STATION 123.
- . CIRCUIT BREAKER PANEL FR. GMENTS.
- 6. PEDESTAL PANEL PRACHENTS.
- 7. SECONDARY LIGHTS.
- 8. RPM WARNING LIGHT COVER.
- 9. PENCIL AND BALL POINT PEN PARTS.
- 10. MICROPHONE FRAME AND CORD PIECES.
- 11. NUMBER 6 TRANSMISSION OIL JET.
- 12. PILOT EMERGENCY EXIT HANDLE.
- 13. INSTRUMENT PANEL SPACERS.
- 14. TRANSMISSION HOUSING FRACMENTS.

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DETAIL B. PUSELAGE AND INTENSE PIRE AREA.

- 1. PEDESTAL PANEL WIRING.
- 2. INSTRUMENT PANEL PROMERTS. INSTRUMENTS.
- 3. PITOT TURE.
- L. HYDRAULIC MODULE.
- 5. IFF ANTENNA.
- 6. CARGO HOOK AND SUPPORT SPRINGS.
- 7. WINDSHIELD WIPER ASSEMBLY.
- 8. FIRE EXTINGUISHER.
- 9. PILOT SEAT RAIL FRACMENTS.
- 10. FIRST AID KIT ARTICLES.

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Nomenclature	Manufacturers Part Number	Total Hours On Part	Number of Overhauls	Hours Since Last Overhaul	Overhaul Activity
1. Gas Turbine					1
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3. Transmin-	204-040-010-7	536.9	- NONE	NA =	, NA
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Assy 6. Sciscors	540-011-450-3	65.9	NONE 7	NA.	NA -
Assy 7. Main Rotor	540-011-451-1	536.9	NONE	NA.	NA
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Huo 9. Stabilizer	540-011-101-3	536.9	NONE	NA.	N/A
Bar O. Main Rotor	540-011-300-7	181.7	NONE	NA .	NA.
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Shaft Assy 2. 420 Gear	204-040-620-3	536.9	NONE	N/L	NA.
Box 3. 90° Gear	204-040-003-37	536.9	NONE	N/A	MA
Box 4. Tail Rotor	204-040-012-13	536.9	NONE	NA	NA.
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damaged by impact (Incl 4). Some of the mounting study and spacers had been sheared from the power output cover (Incl 5).

- f. The engine data plate and inlet housing core plug boss were heavily damaged on the top left hand side of the air inlet housing (Incl 6).
- g. The sections of the air inlet boosing failed from overstress by ground impact
- h. The engine end of the drive shart was bent apward and to the right at the splined section of the curvic coupling. Wire from the air inlet screen was found behind the curvic coupling (Incl. ).
- i. The inlet guide vanes were extremely distorted by ingestion of wire from the air inlet housing and stude and a spacer from the power output cover (Incls 9 & 10).
- 1. The air inlet housing was cracked by the core plug which had been forced down into the housing by ground impact (Incls 10 & 6).

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- k. The exhaust diffuser was buckled between the 3, 6, and 9 o'clock struts just aft of the power turbine (Incl 11).
- 1. Only minor demage was noted on the Mi turbine wheel blades. The debris in the bottom of the combustion chember our consisted of magnesium ash, asbestos, fine gravel, coke, aluminum particles, very small green leaves, and twigs (Incl 12).
- m. Minor blade tip erosion was noted on the MI turbine wheel. The blades were also covered with magnesium ash machined from the compressor housing (Incl 13).
- a. The N1 turbine nozzle was graded in two places on the inner vane shroud support (Incl 14). The material lodged in the W1 turbine nozzle vanes consisted of tarbon as the major material. Aluminum was present in a minor quantity. Nickel and lead were present only in trace amounts. Heavy deposits of magnesium ash were noted on the nozzle curl (Incl 15).
- o. Material removed from the sir diffuser was identified as asbestos, carbon, aluminum, and a paint-like film. Spectrographic analysis who identified the material as containing chromium, iron, magnesium, nickel, silicon, and titanium in major amounts. Silver, aluminum, copper, mangamese, and molybdemum were present in minor quantities (Incl 16).
- p. Buckling noted in the exhaust diffuser caused disblighment of the N2 turbine and caused the turbine stub shaft to montact the ID of the compressor shaft (Incl 17). The aft min of the N1 turbine wheel also contacted the inner wane support on the N2 mozzle (Incl 18).
- q. The buckled exhaust diffuser also caused the N2 turbine wheel forward rin face to contact the inner wane support (Incls 19 & 20).
- r. The rear seal, P/N 1-130-097-02, and forward seal, P/N 1-130-094-02, was missing from the top of the combustion chamber housing (Incl 21).
- s. Removal of the compressor housing halves revealed high speed machining on the top half of the axial compressor housing at the fourth and fifth stages only (Incla 22 & 23). The centrifugal compressor housing revealed high speed machining and stationary impact marks (Incla 22-24).
- t. Upon removal of the bottos half of the compressor housing a spacer from the power output cover was noted in the fourth stage of the compressor. Evamination of the first stage axial compressor revealed that one blade had broken off approximately 3/16" above the root platform. Microscopic examination revealed a 55° fracture with a shear lip on the convex side of the blade and pronounced plastic deformation which is typical of an overstress type failure (Incls 25 & 26). Microscopic examination of the inlet guide vanes revealed that the spacer and broken study from the power output lover, wire from the inlet air screen, and the broken blade from the first stage compressor had contacted the rear side of the inlet guide vane (Incl 27). The blade and study were not recovered as a probably passed out through the exhaust diffuser

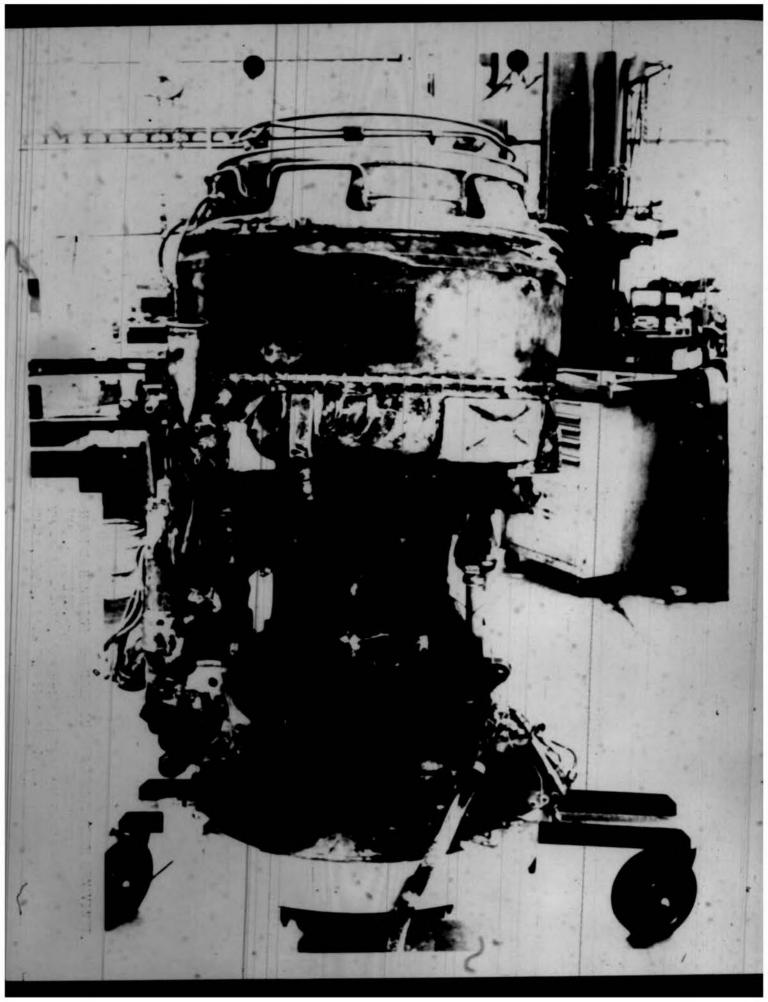
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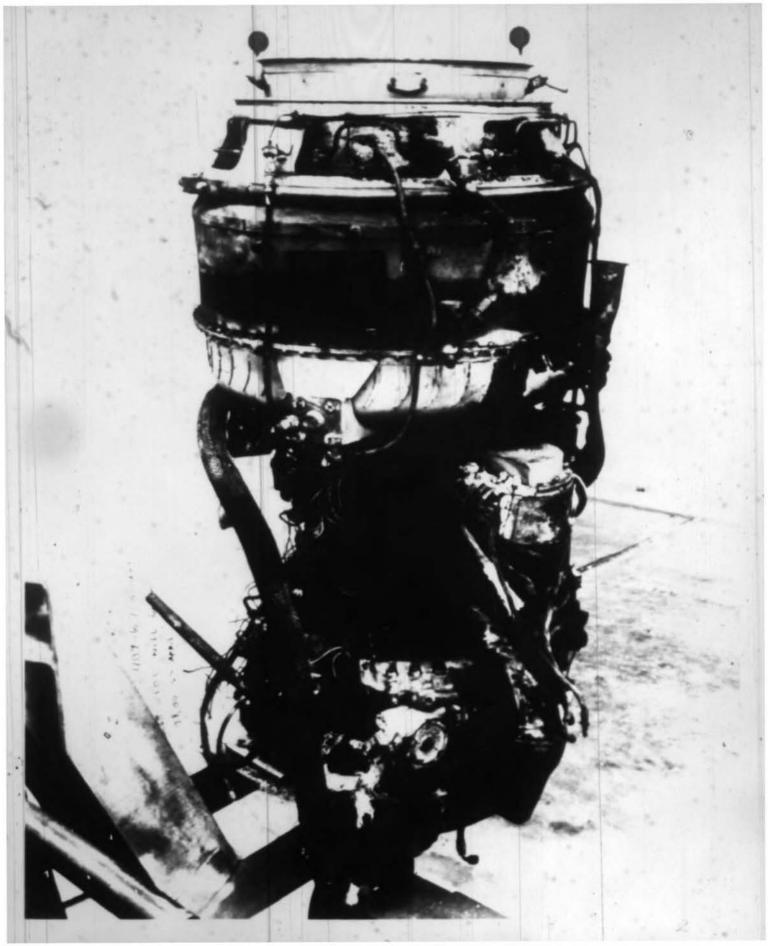
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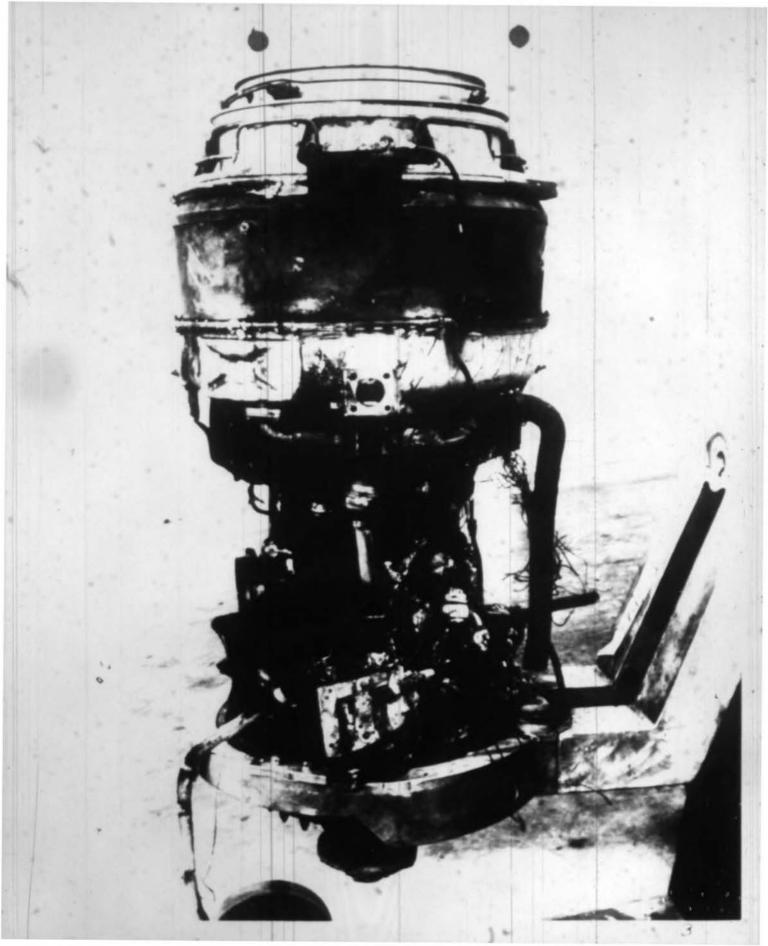
in the form of small particles. The appearance of the axial compressor blades and centrifugal compressor vanes indicate an estimated rpm of approximately 55-60% of all speed (Incls 26 & 28). Most of the blades and some of the vanes were swept opposite the direction of rotation in varied angles. Runout on the compressor revealed a miselignment or shift of 0.0078" on the 5th stage spacer; maximum allowed is 0.003".

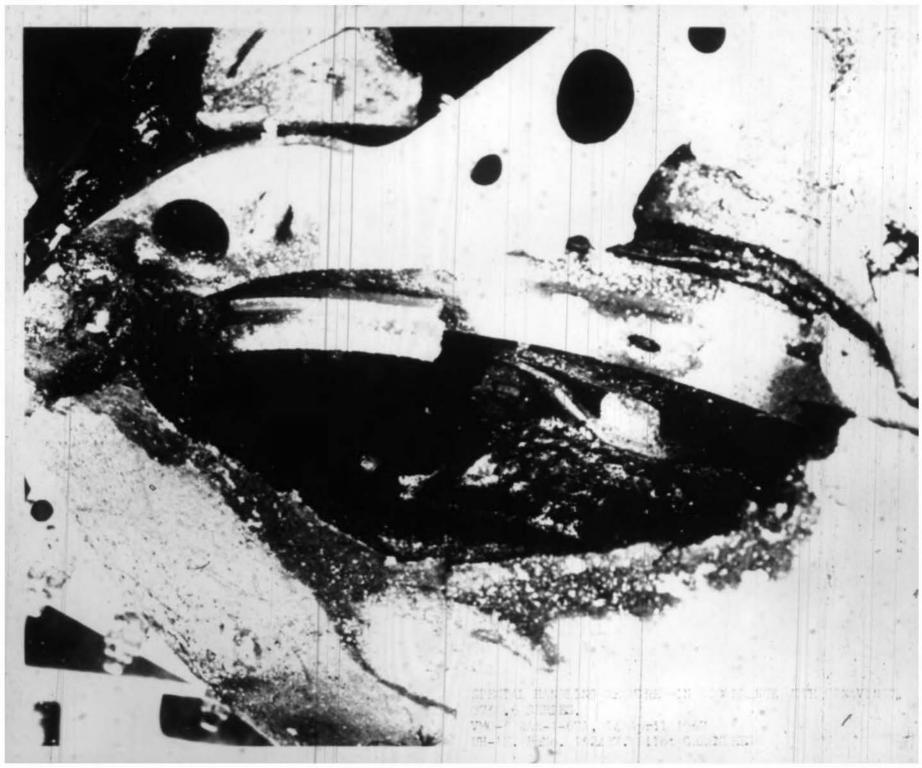
- u. Removal of the exhaust diffuser from the combustion chamber housing revealed a buckled area just aft of the scunting flange (Incl 29).
- v. There was no indication of oil starvation. Varnish deposits from burned oil were noted in the air inlet housing (Incl 30) and in the top of the oil screen on the accessory drive gear box (Incl 31).
  - w. Heavy carbon deposits from burned oil were noted in the oil pump (Incl 32).
- x. The substance (Incl 33) found behind the outer shroud on the sir inlet guide vanes was identified as asbestos, carbon particles, magnesium chips, and pieces of chrone wire of 1/24" diameter. Spectrographic analysis identified the material as silver, aluminum, chromium, iron, magnesium, mangamese, nickel, and silicon to be present as major constituents. Copper, solybdenum, lead, and titanium were present in minor amounts.
- ty. The NI turbine wheel tip disneter measured 11.869. Engine assembly records at ARADMAC revealed that the turbine wheel measured 11.868 inches at the time of minor repair. Blade growth was 0.0005.
- z. The N2 turbine wheel tip diameter measured 13.156" Engine assembly records at ARADMAC revealed the turbine wheel had new blades installed and the tip diameter measured 13.150" at the time of minor repair. Blade growth was 0.003".
- NOTE: 1. The materials identified as asbestos chronium or chrome wire originally came from the chafing strip or seel on the forward fire wall assembly and was ingested by the engine at the time of impact.
  - Spectrographic enalysis of the material removed from the magnetic chip detector plug was principally iron, with large amounts of magnesium, nickel, chronium, and silicon. Titanium, aloninum, and copper were present in somewhat oraller amounts.
- 27. Conclusions: The engine was operating at the time of ground impact.
- 28. Recommendations: None

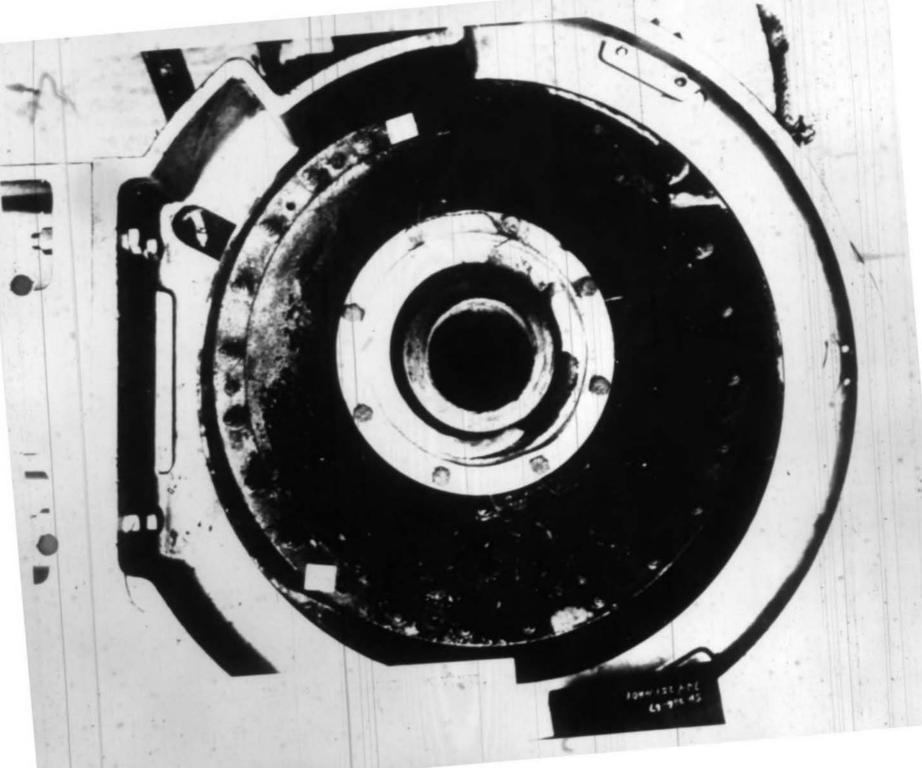
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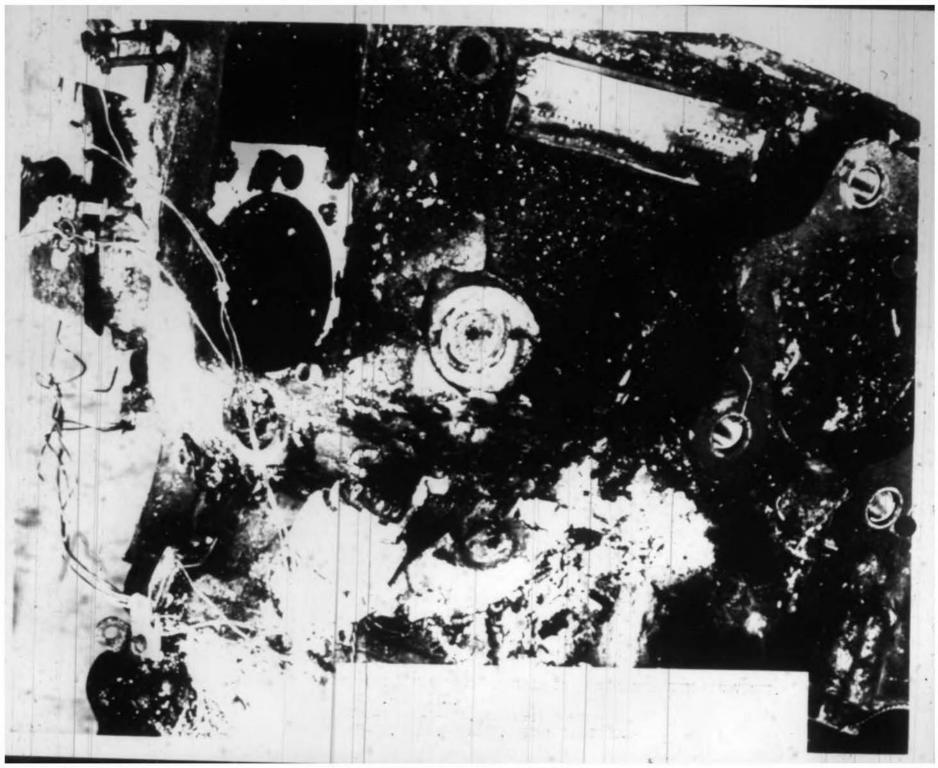






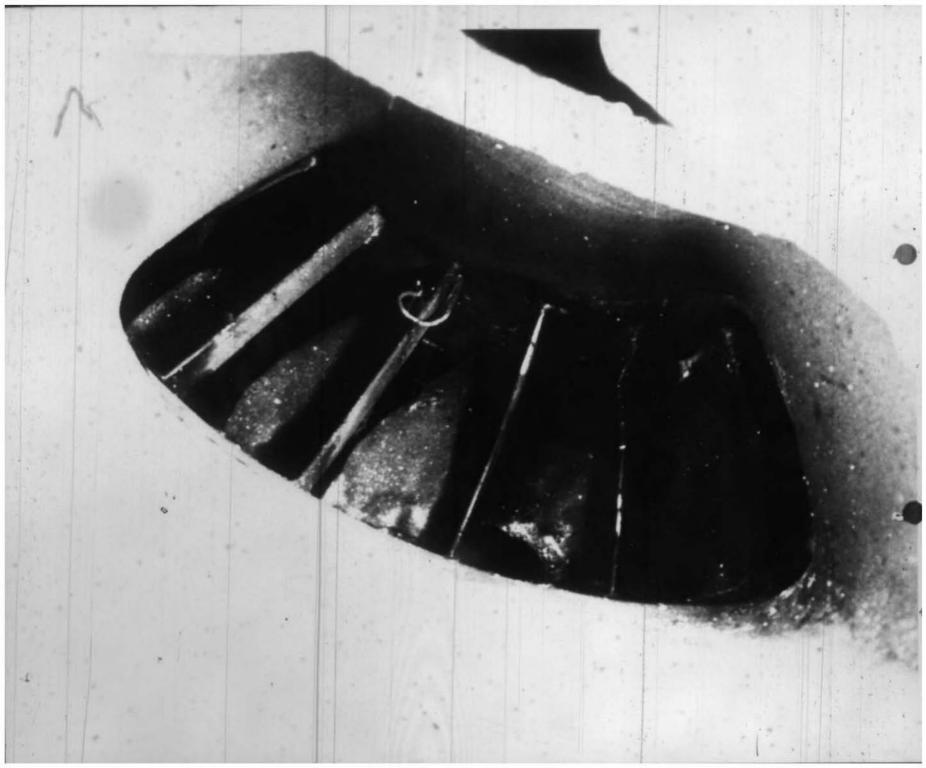




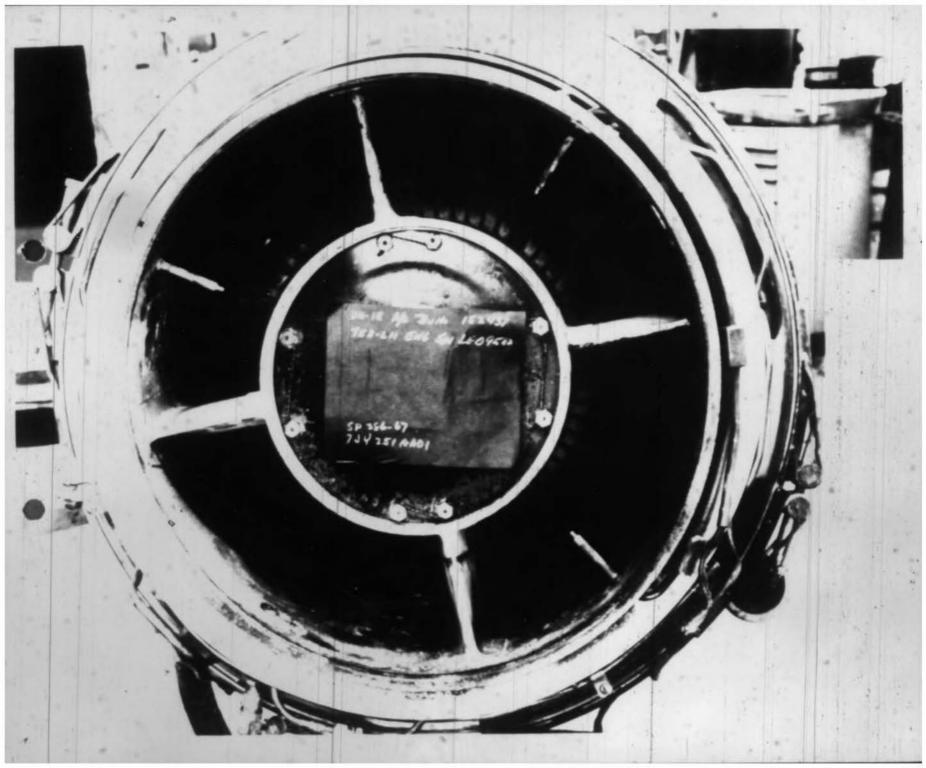


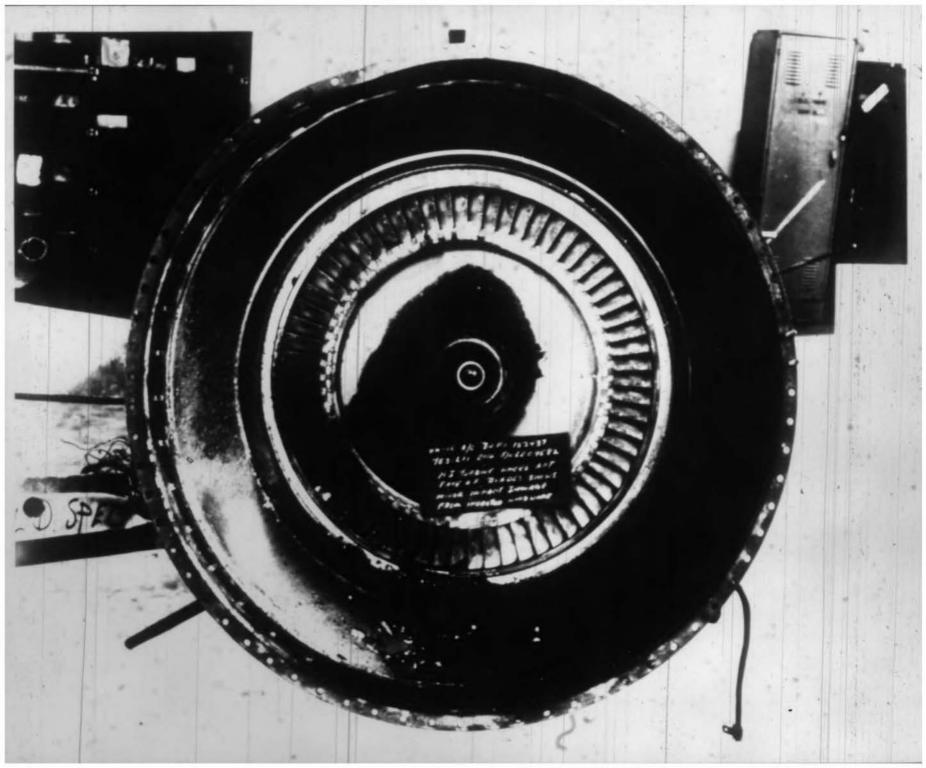
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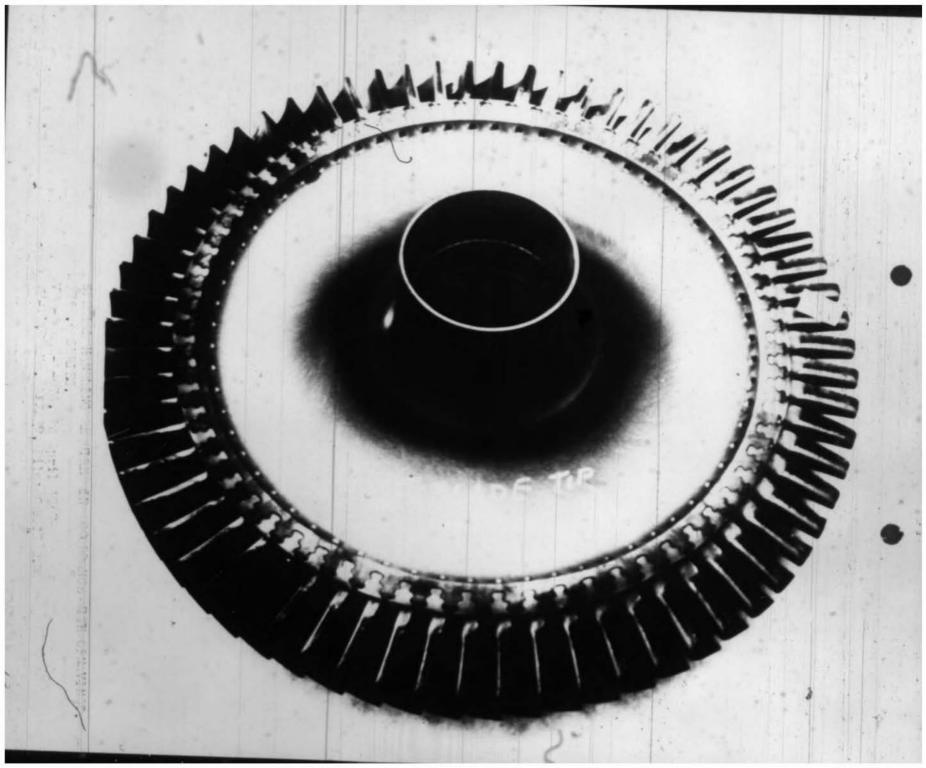


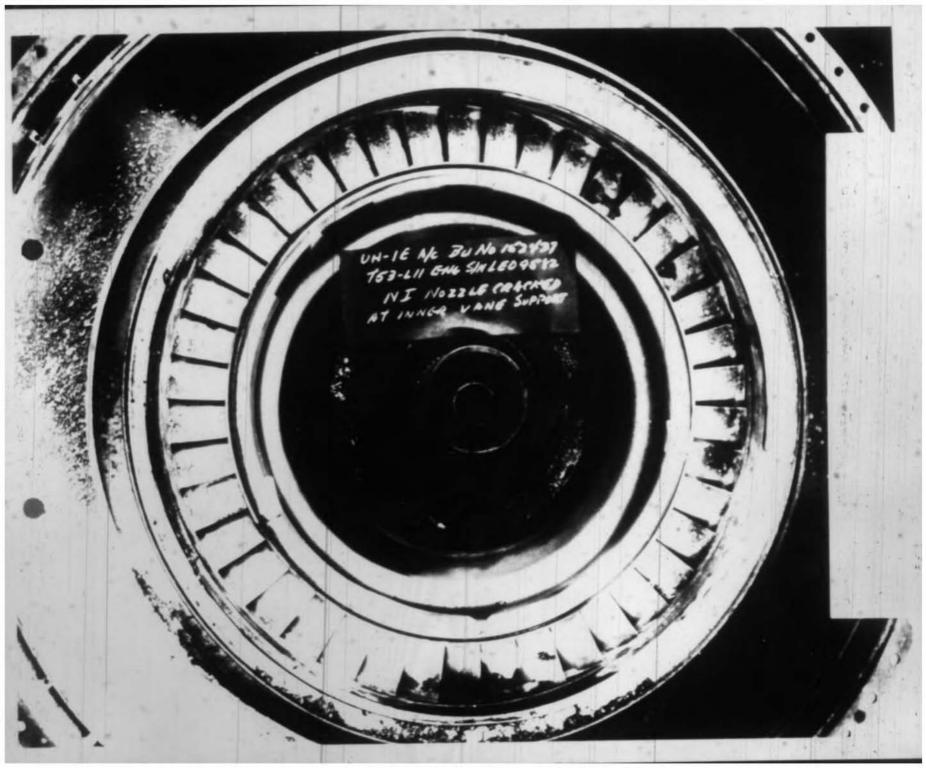


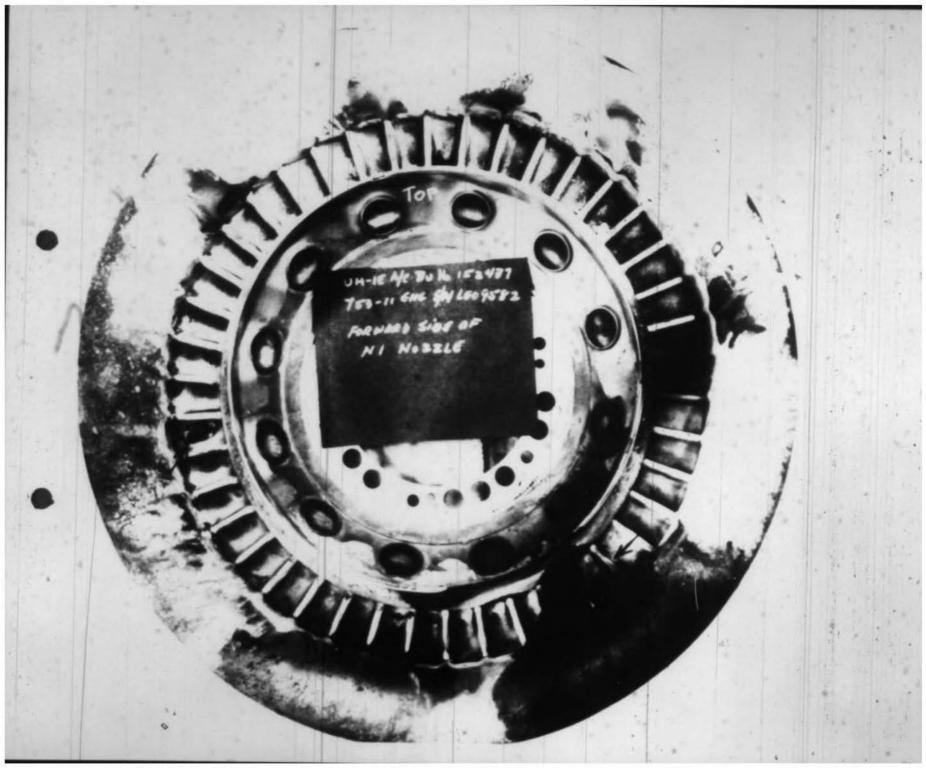


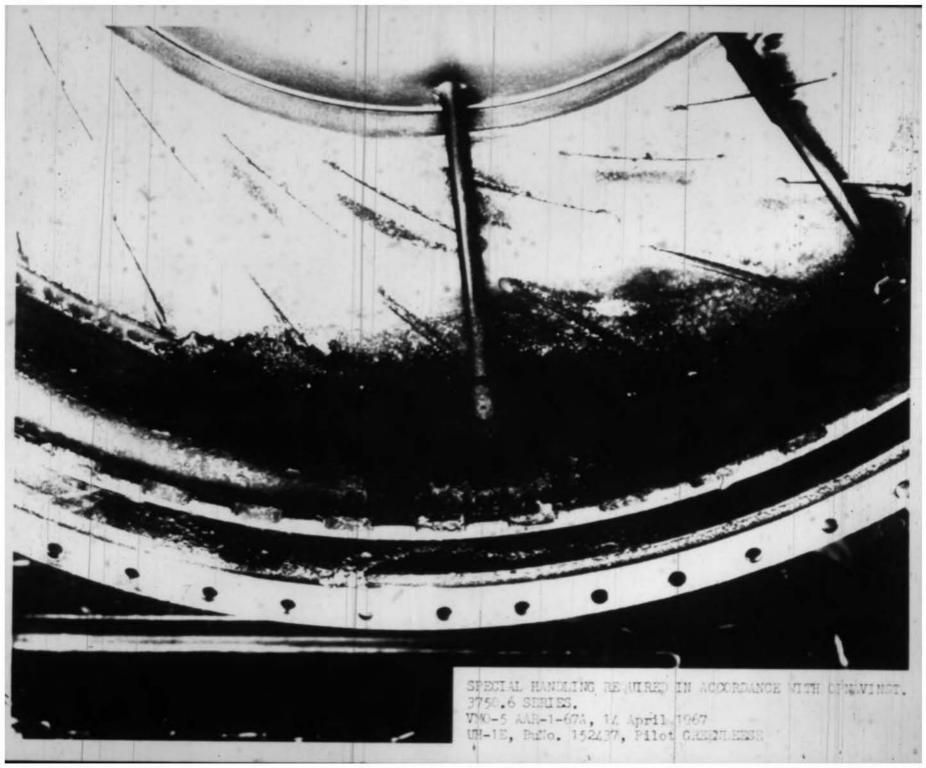




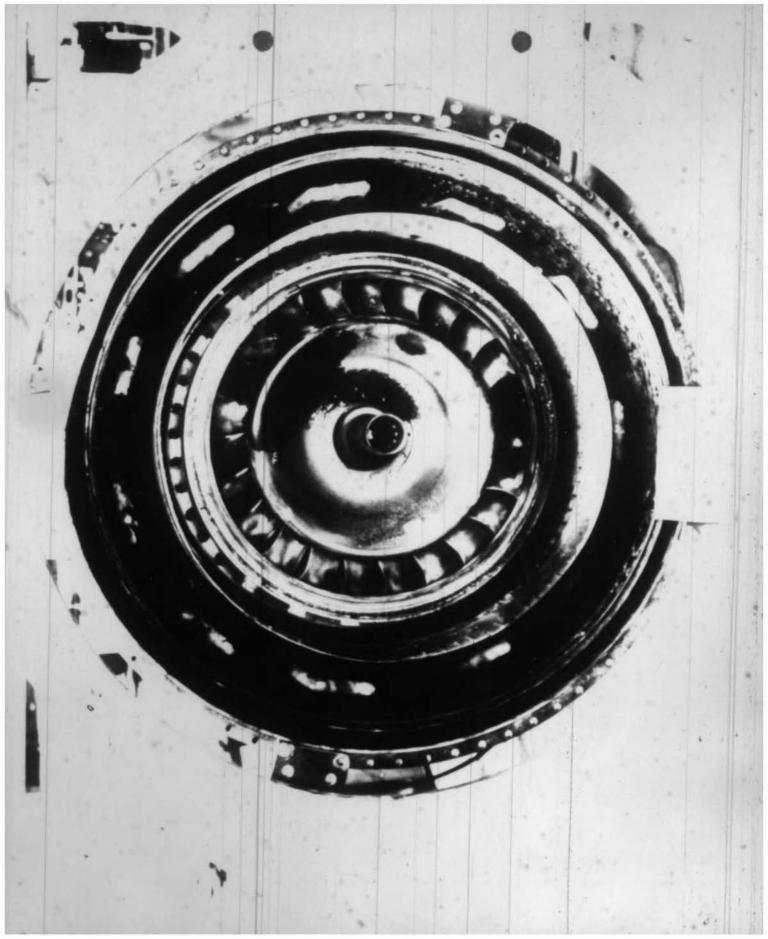


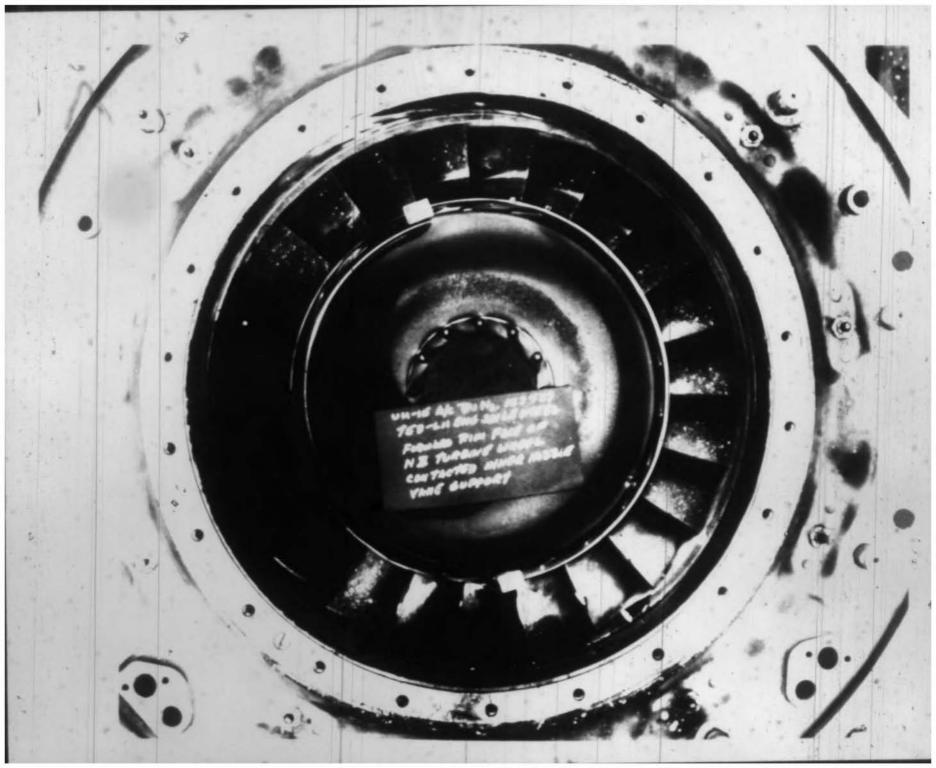


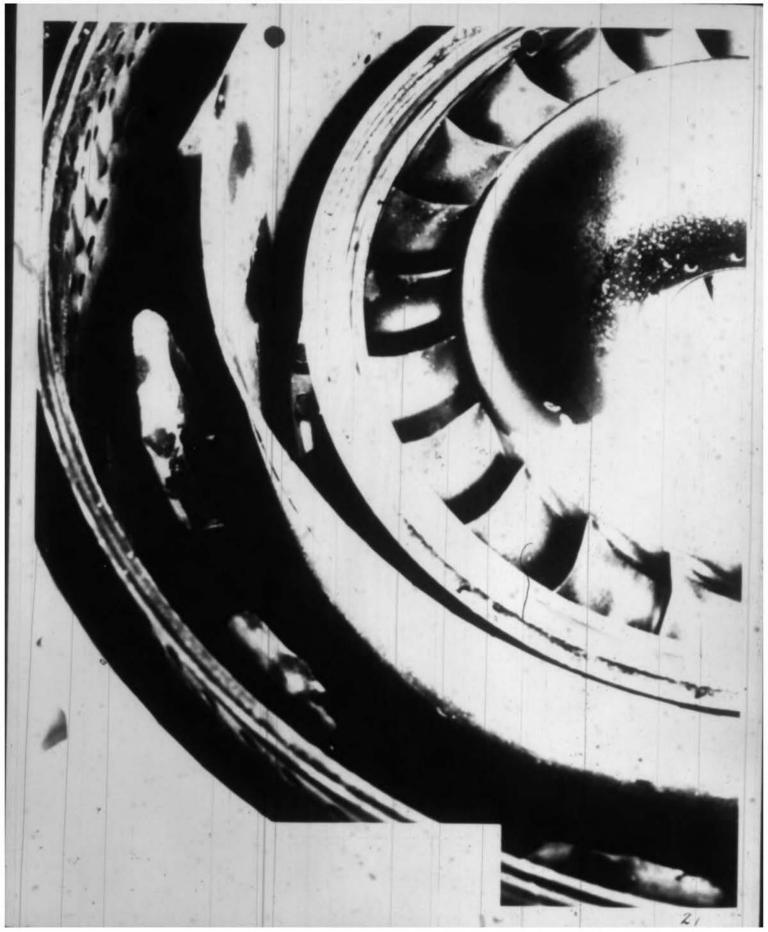


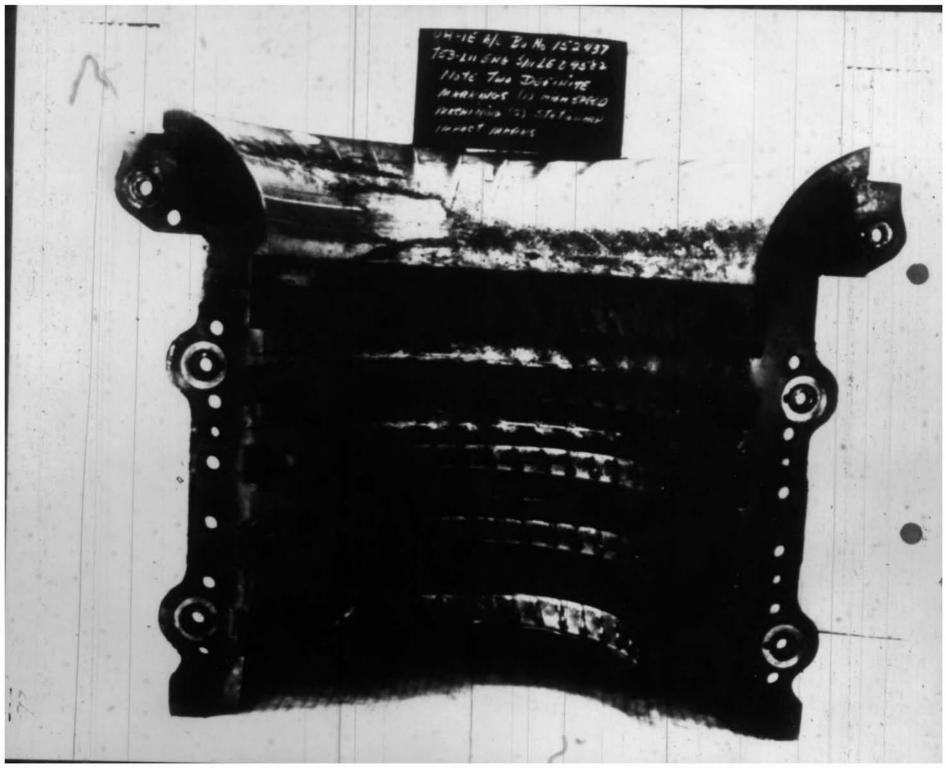


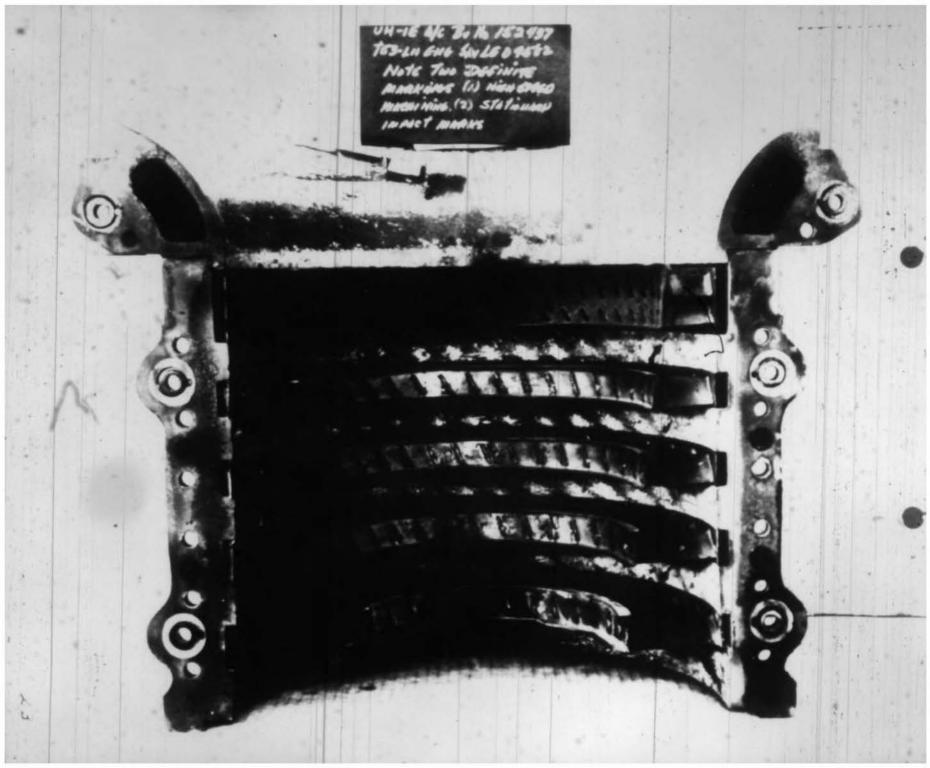


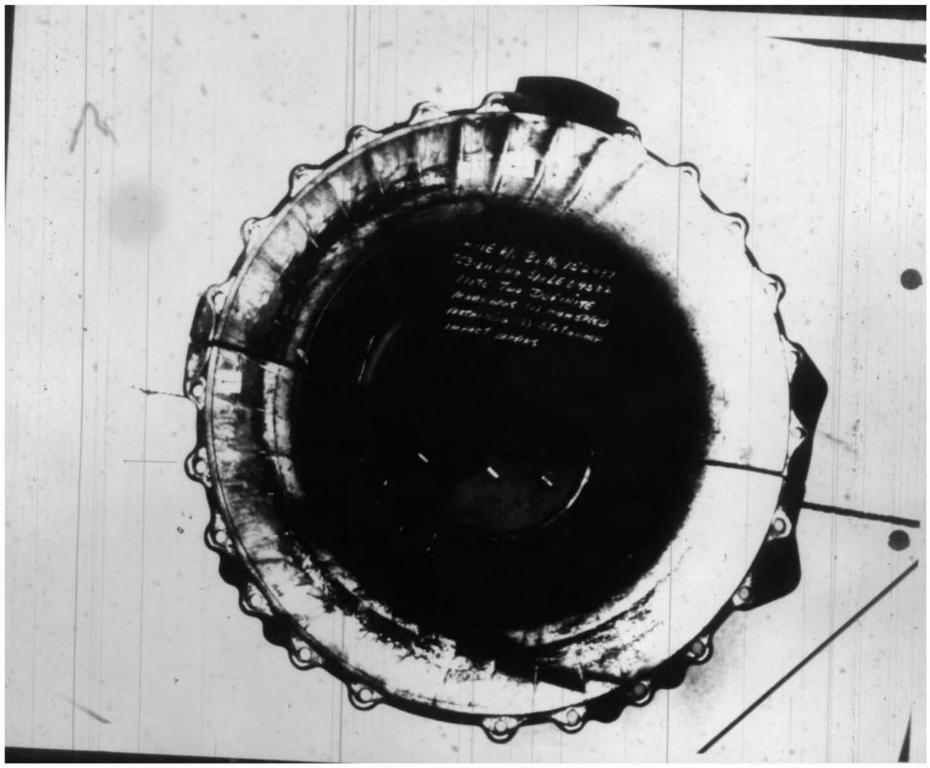


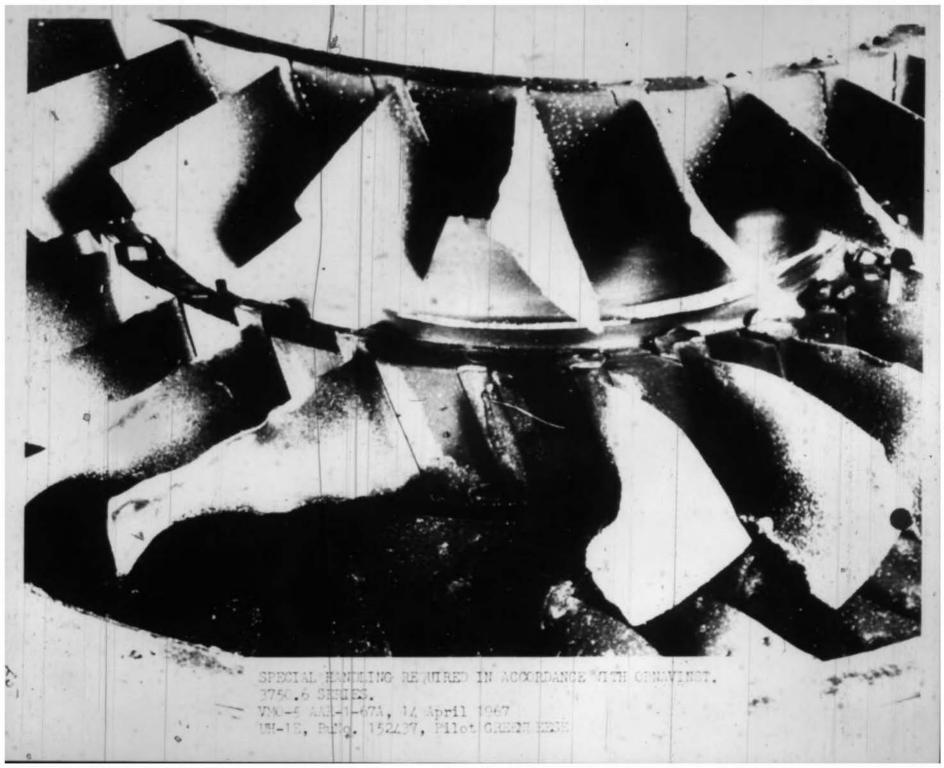


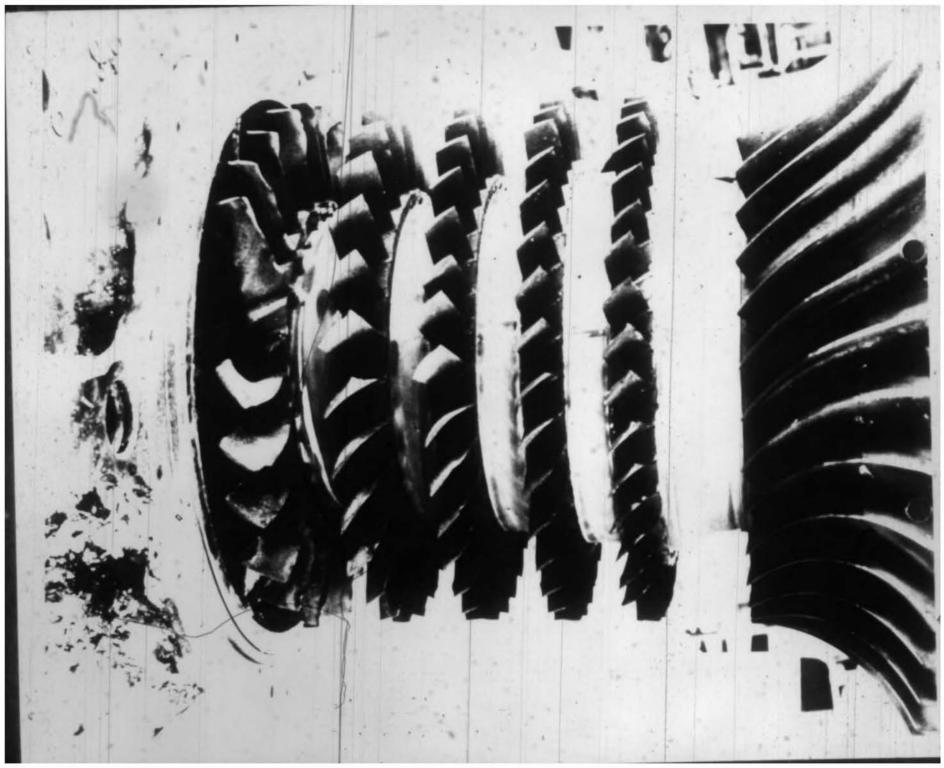








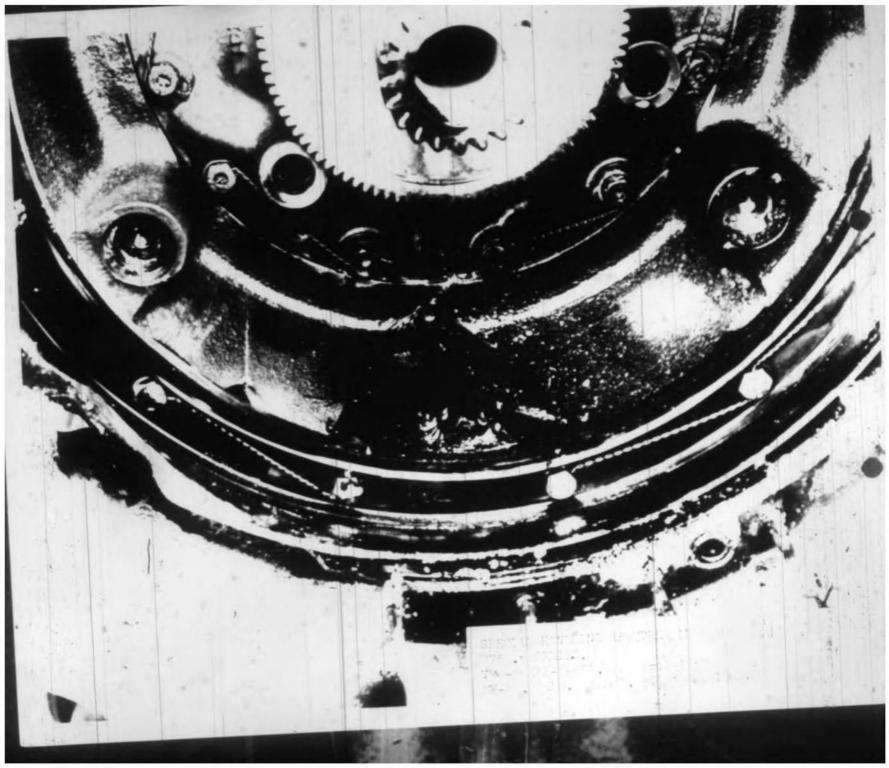


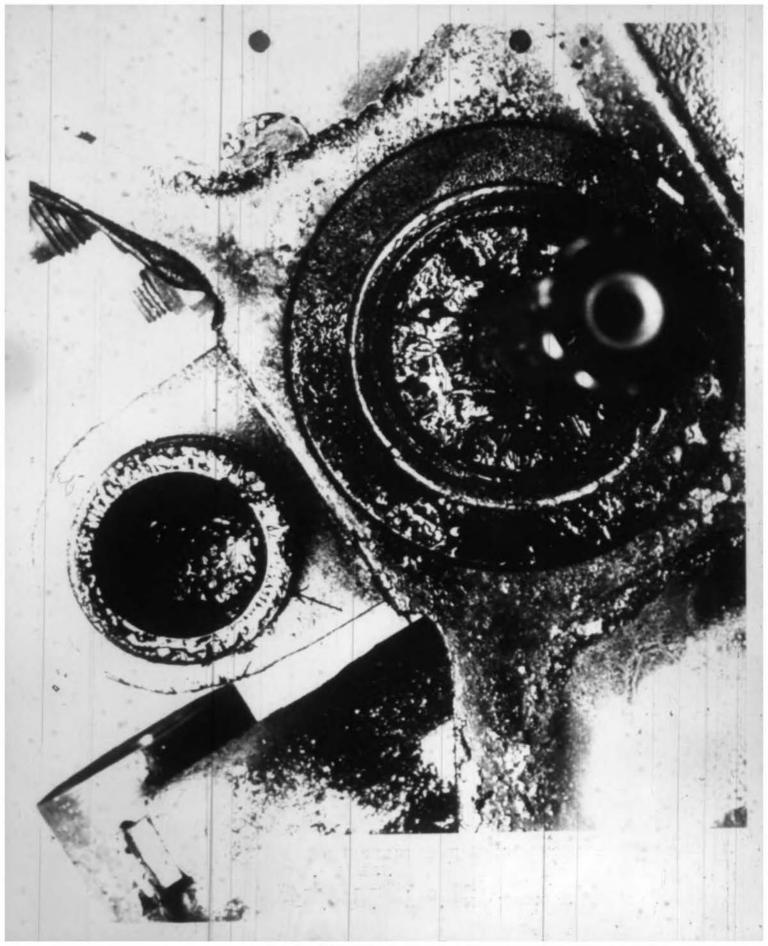


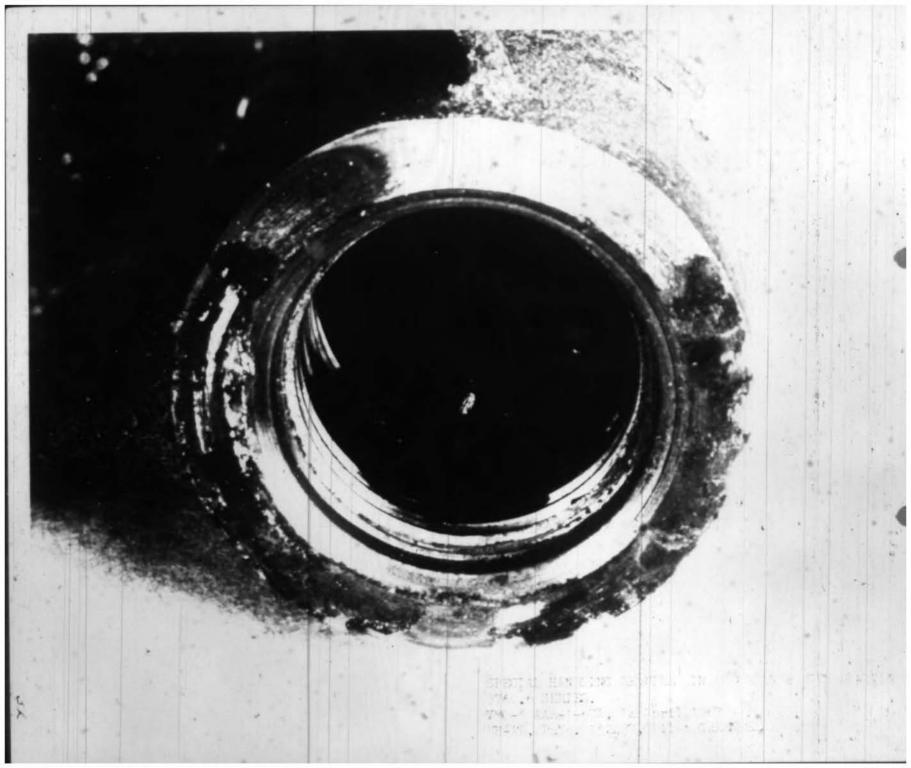


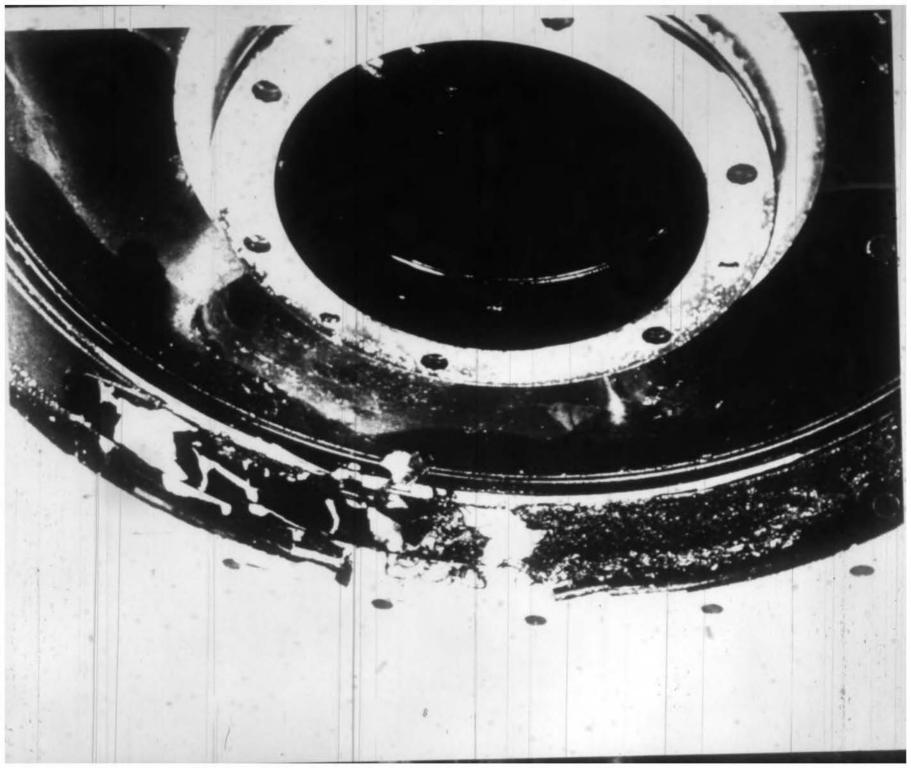


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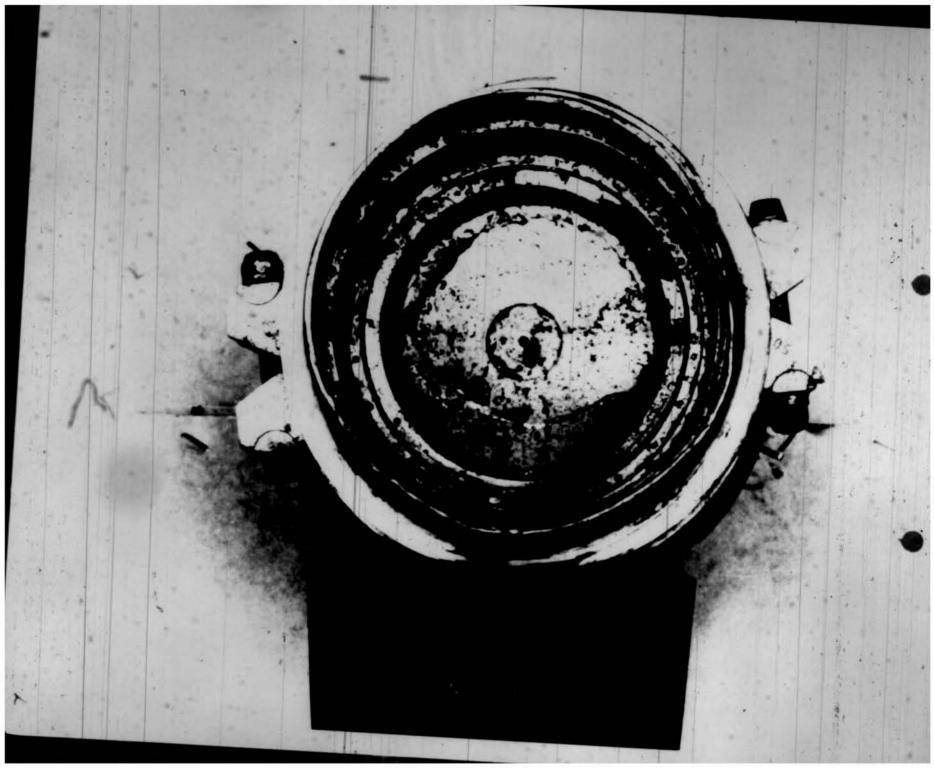




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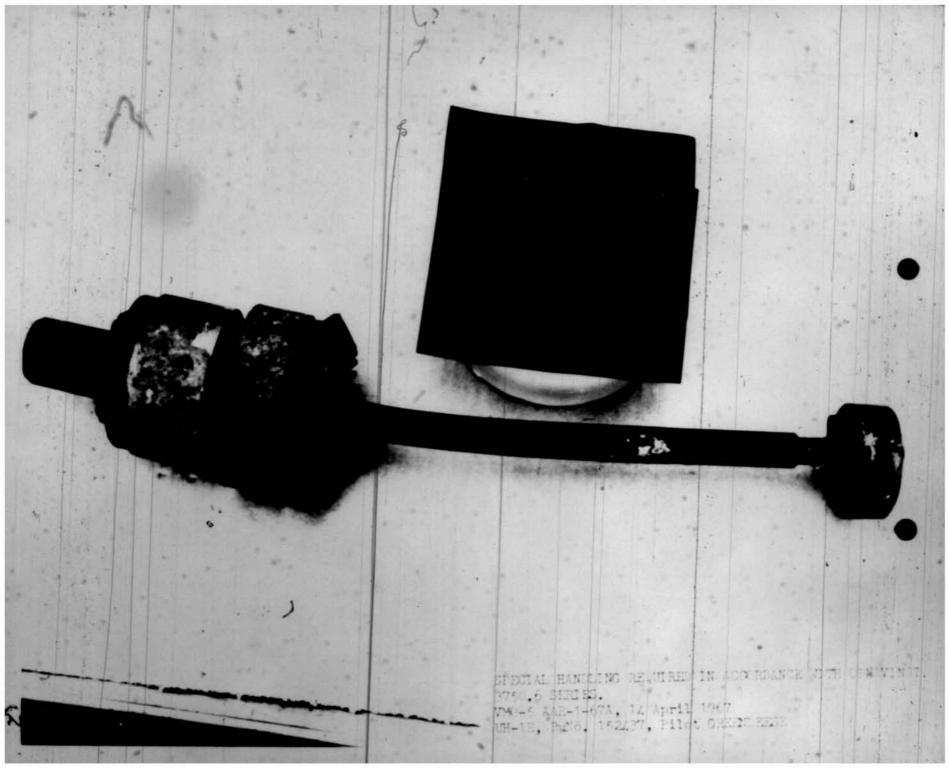


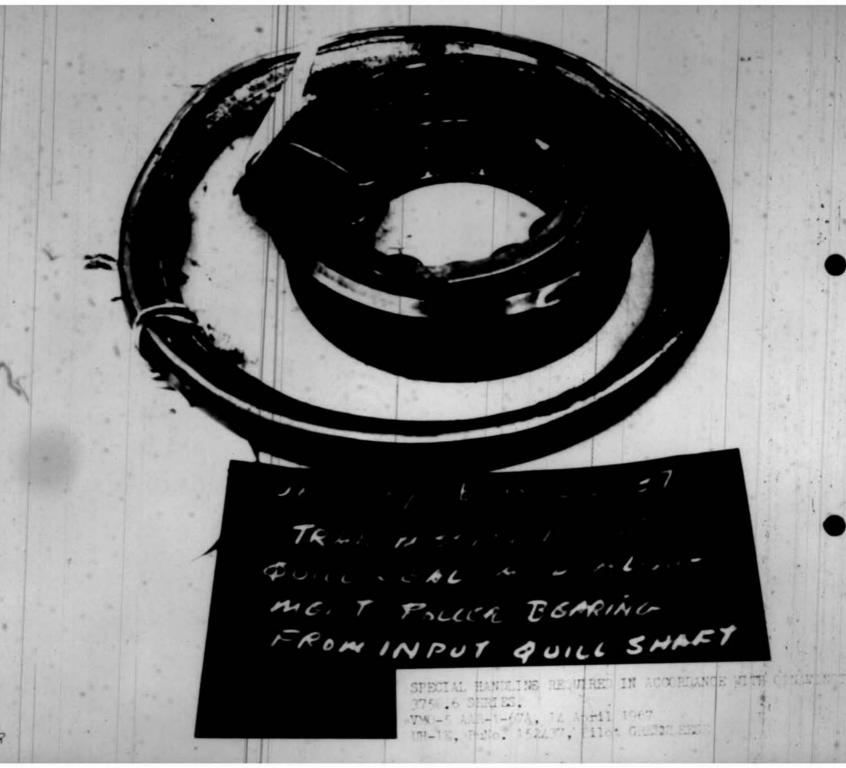
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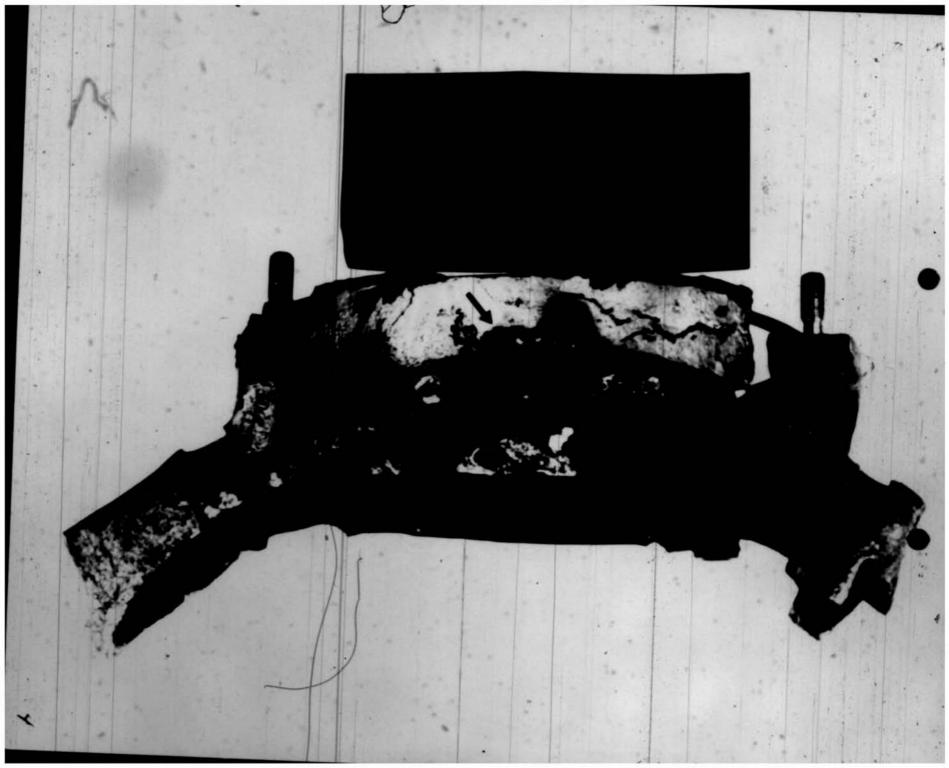
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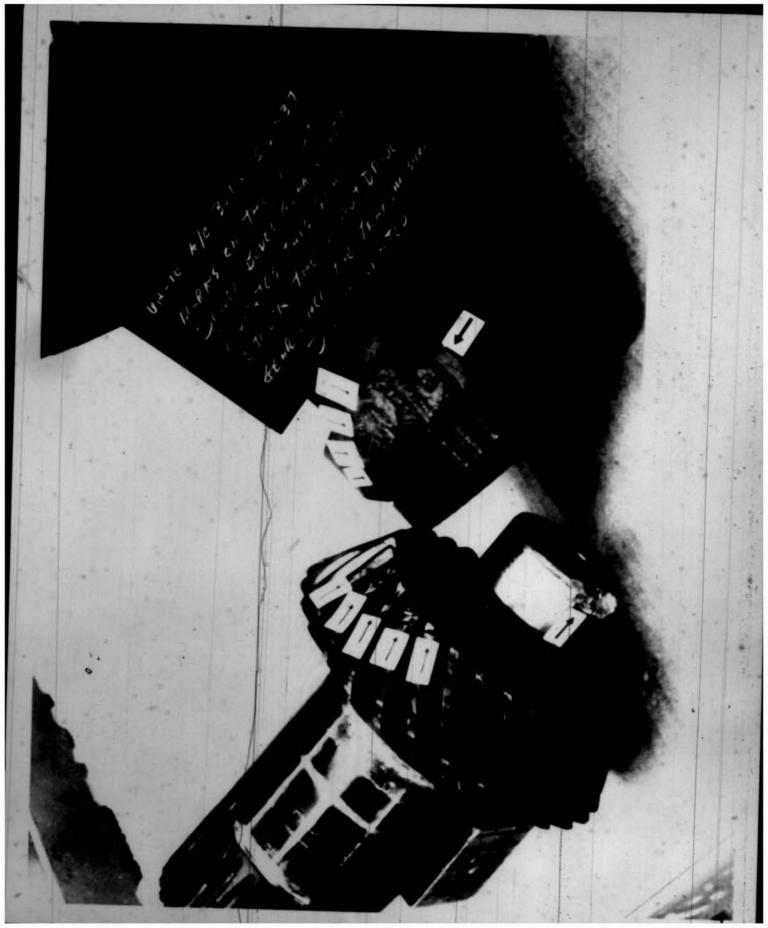
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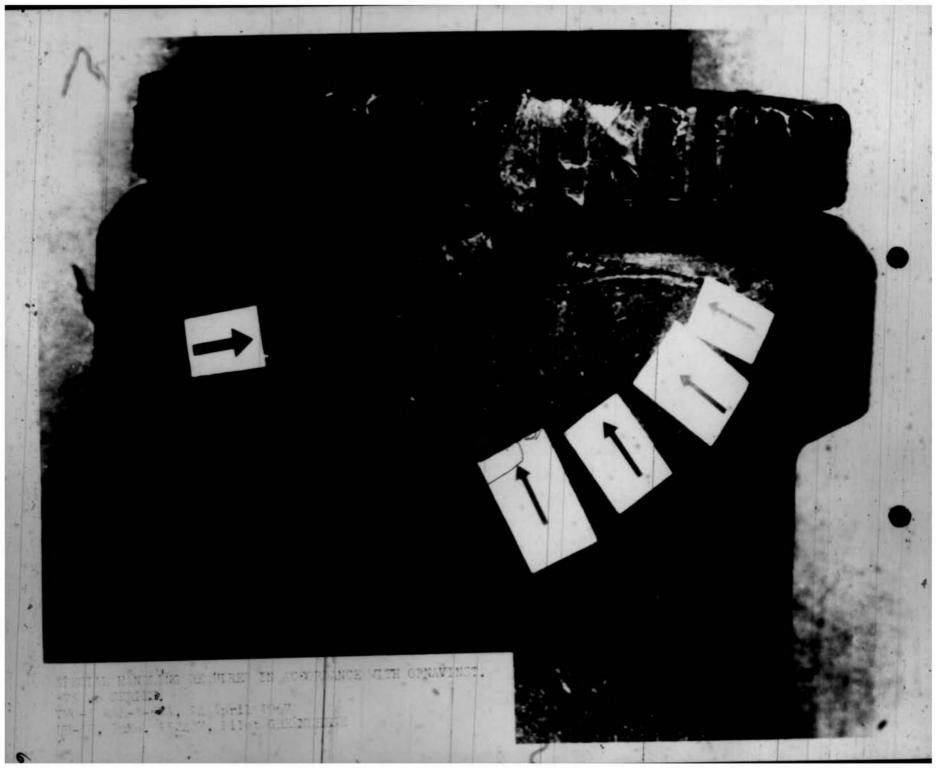


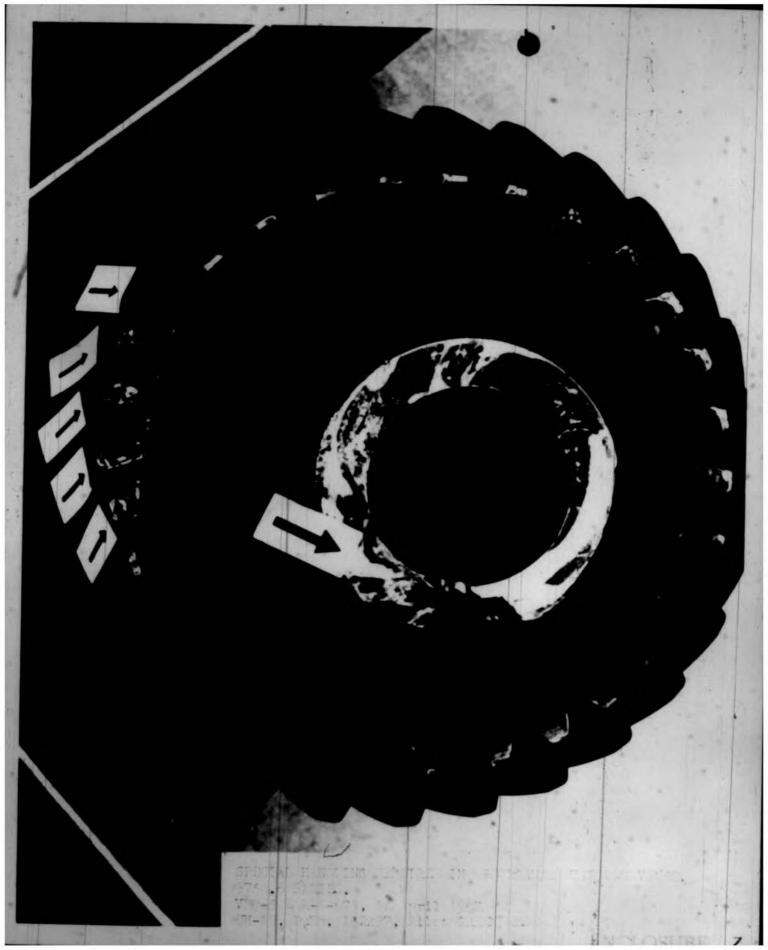


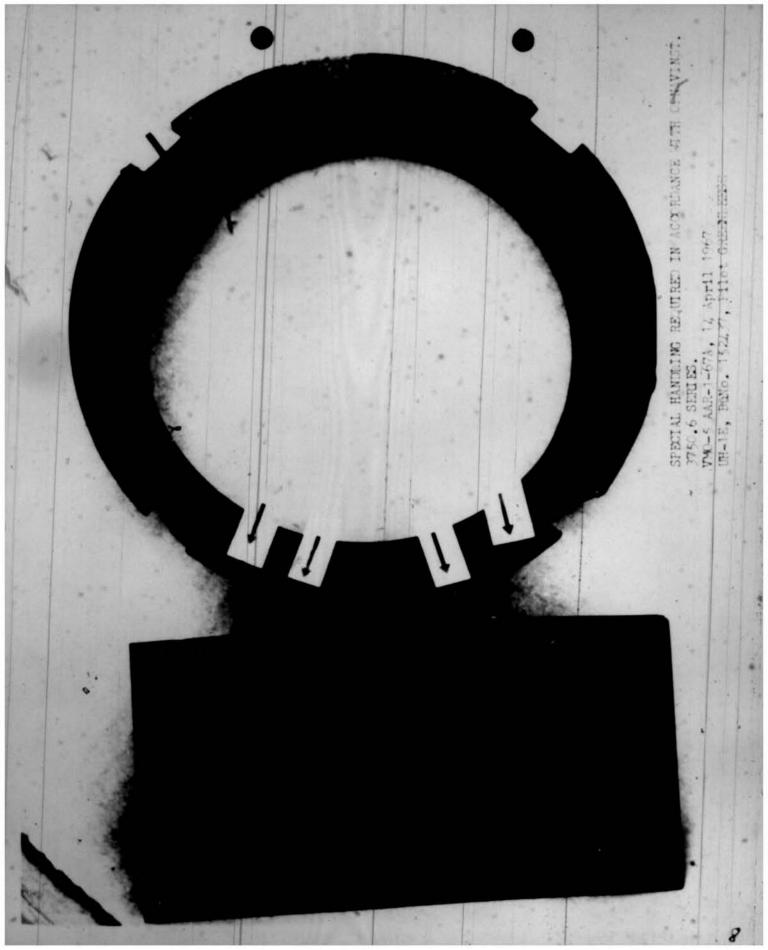


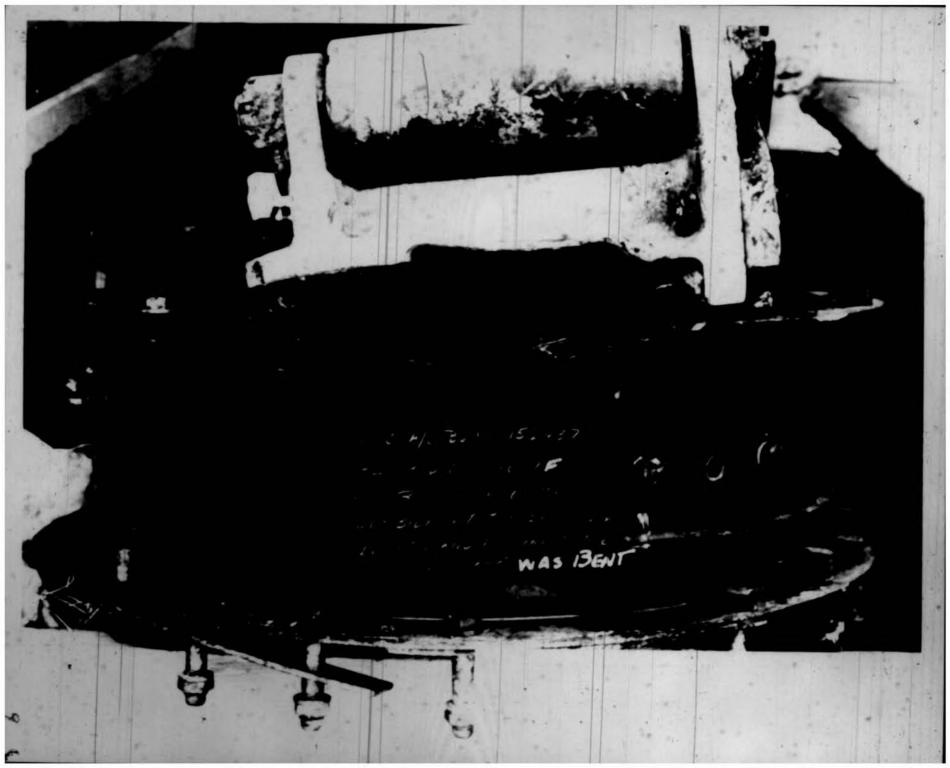












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- j. The white blade grip nut, P/M 540-011-177-1, had only minor damage which was caused by the white blade butt minging in the grip when the trailing edge of the blade failed in the drag link area on impact (Incl 17).
- k. The red blade grip aut, P/N 540-011-117-1, was severely damaged by the red blade butt. The nut had to be cut with a high speed cutting wheel to relieve the pressure on the threaded area and then removed with a socket wrench and a four foot extension handle (Incl 18).
- 1. A normal twist was noted on the red blade tension torsion strap, P/N 204-012-112-7, S/N 888, while the white blade strap, P/N 204-012-112-7, S/N 593, was abnormally twisted (Incl 19).
- m. The roll pins, P/N MS9048-104, were sheared in the levers, P/N 540-011-469-1, and shafts, P/N 540-011-471-1, on the static stops.
- n. Examination of the over pylon revealed that the six bolts in the scissors and sleeve hub assembly had failed through overstress induced by tension and shearing forces. No evidence of progressive type failures were noted (Incl 20).
- o. Microscopic examination of the cracked nut, P/N AN320-12, removed from the seissors and sleeve assembly revealed that the fracture surfaces were bright and crystalline in nature, typical of aluminum embrittled steel. The nut was apparently subjected to molten aluminum at high temperatures during the post crash fire which allowed penetration and alloying of the aluminum with the steel nut. The nut apparently cracked upon cooling under tension stresses. No progressive type failures were noted upon examination of the fracture surfaces (Incl 21).
  - p. Microscopic and visual examination of the burned inner ring horn revealed that the horn failed because of static overstress under a bending force acting in an upward direction as indicated by localized plastic deformation in the fracture area. No progressive type failures were noted (Incl 22)
  - q. Microscopic examination of the romaining portion of the fire damaged swashplate support fracture surfaces revealed that failure of the assembly resulted because of bending and tension overstress apparently induced by impact forces. No evidence of progressive type failures were noted (Incl 23).
  - r. Removal of the swathplate and scictors assembly revealed that approximately 1 1/4" of the friction sleeve was showing above the collet set (Incl 24).
  - s. The collective slower was dented by contact with the swashplate assembly at the time of blade impact (Incls 25 & 26).
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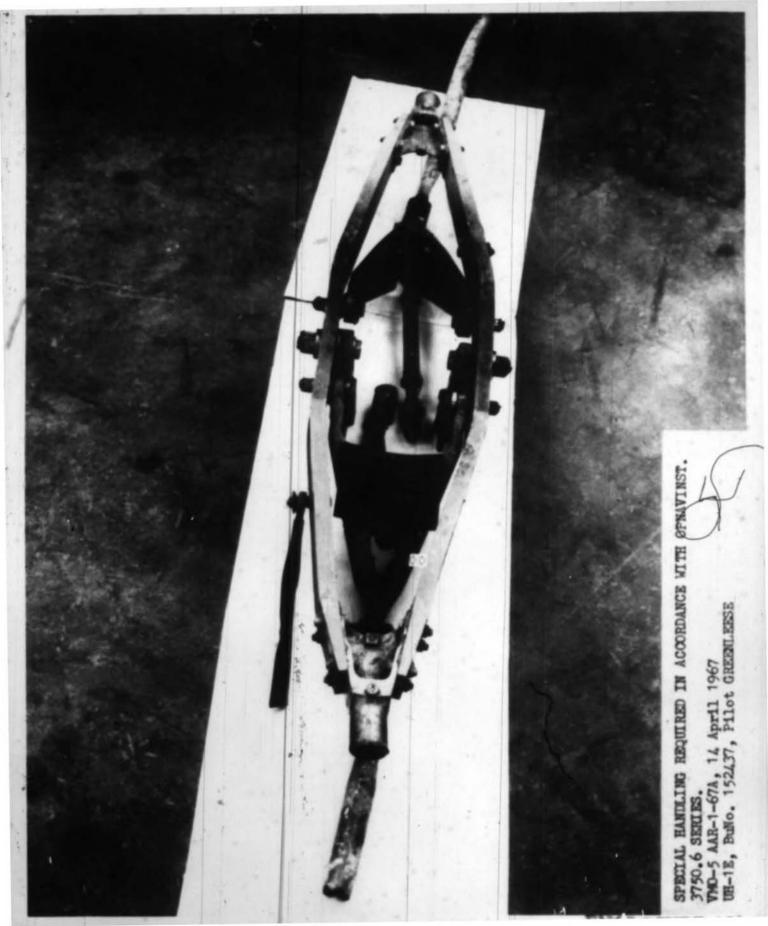
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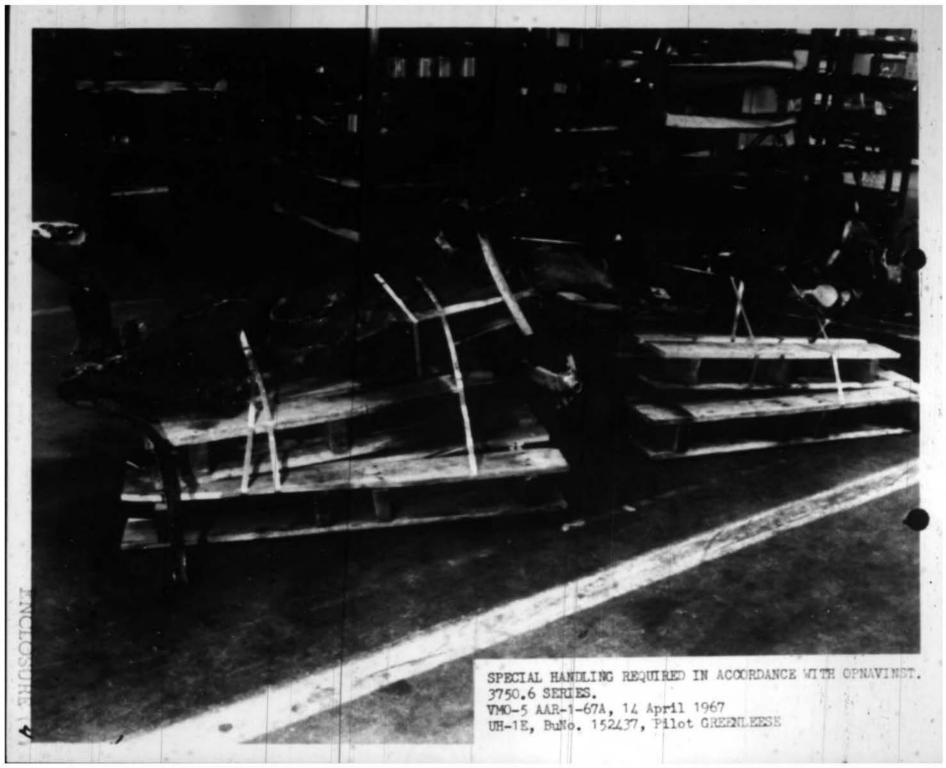
- v. The trunnion was centered perfectly with the yoke.
- 27. Conclusions: Damage noted on the pylon installation was a result of ground impact.
- 28. Recommendations: None

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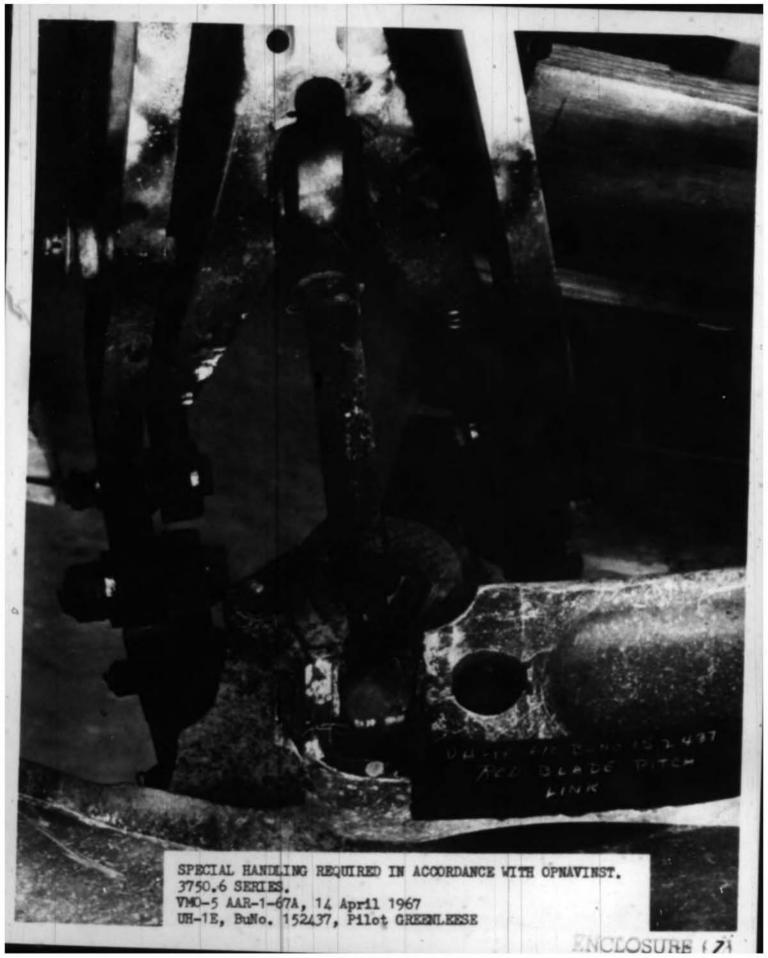


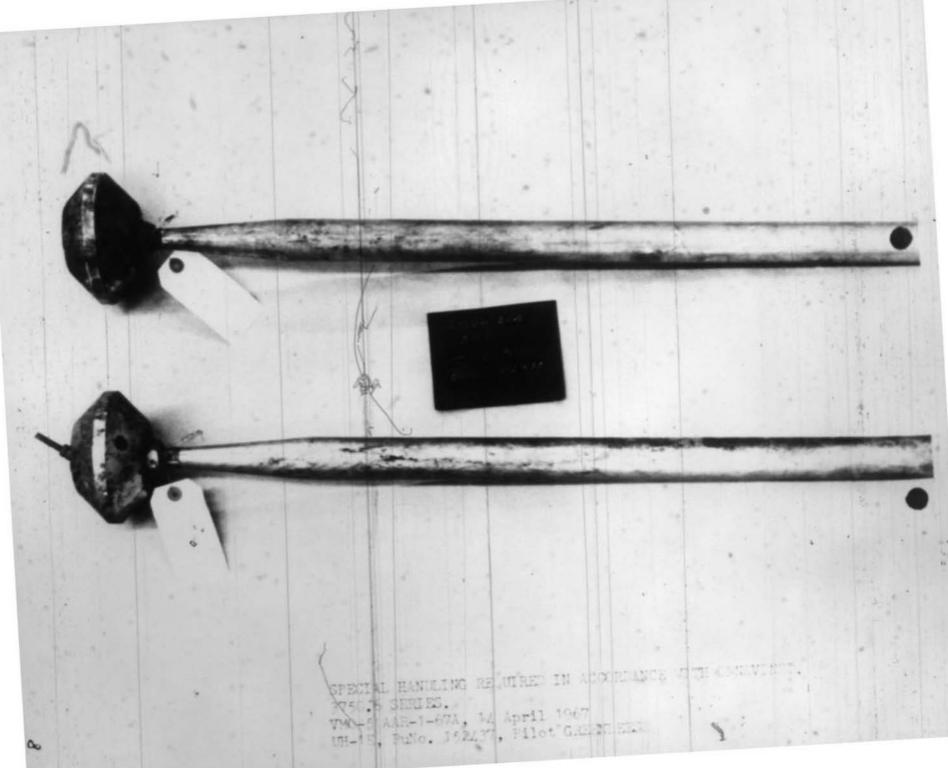












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UH-10 A/C BUNO 152437 RED BLADE DAMPER





UH-1E A/C BUNO 1524 WHITE BLADE DAMPER ON TROL TUBE

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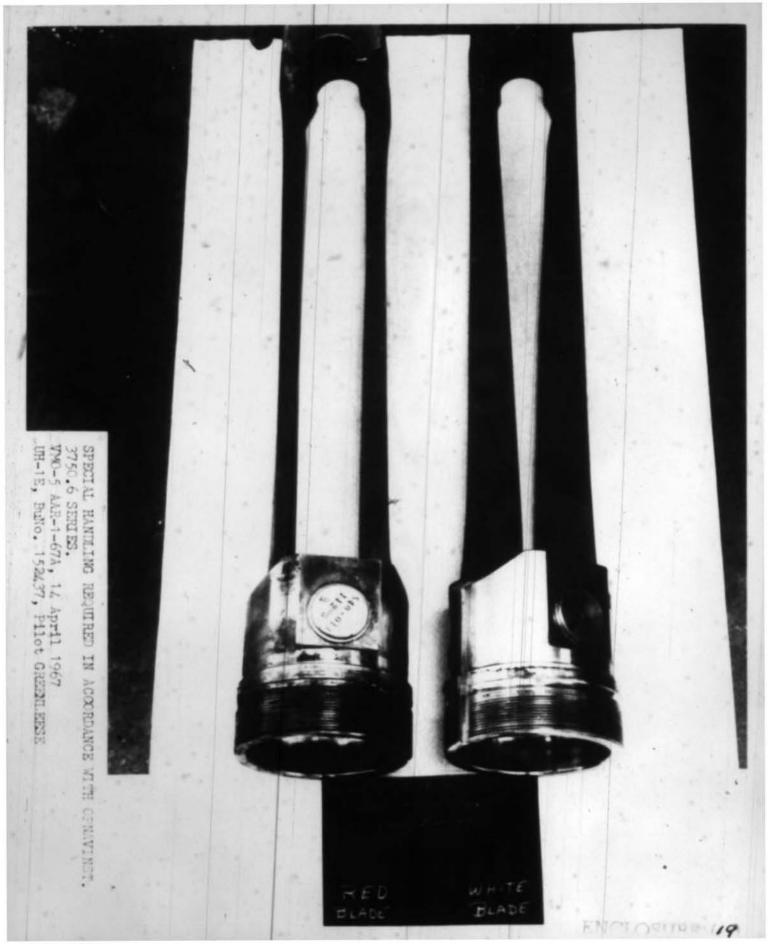
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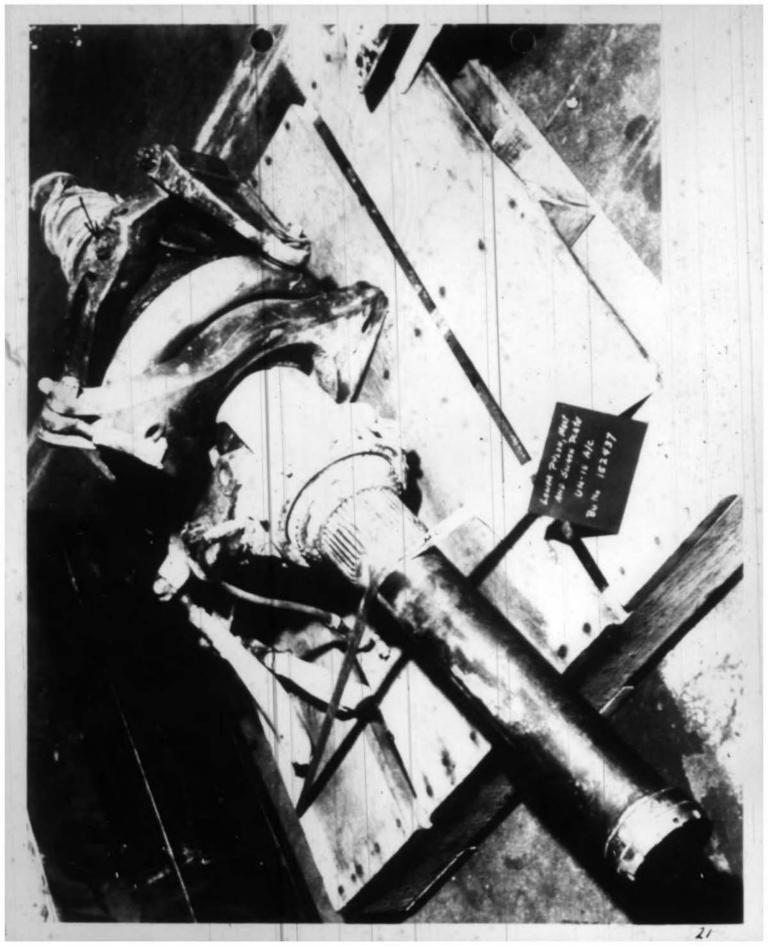
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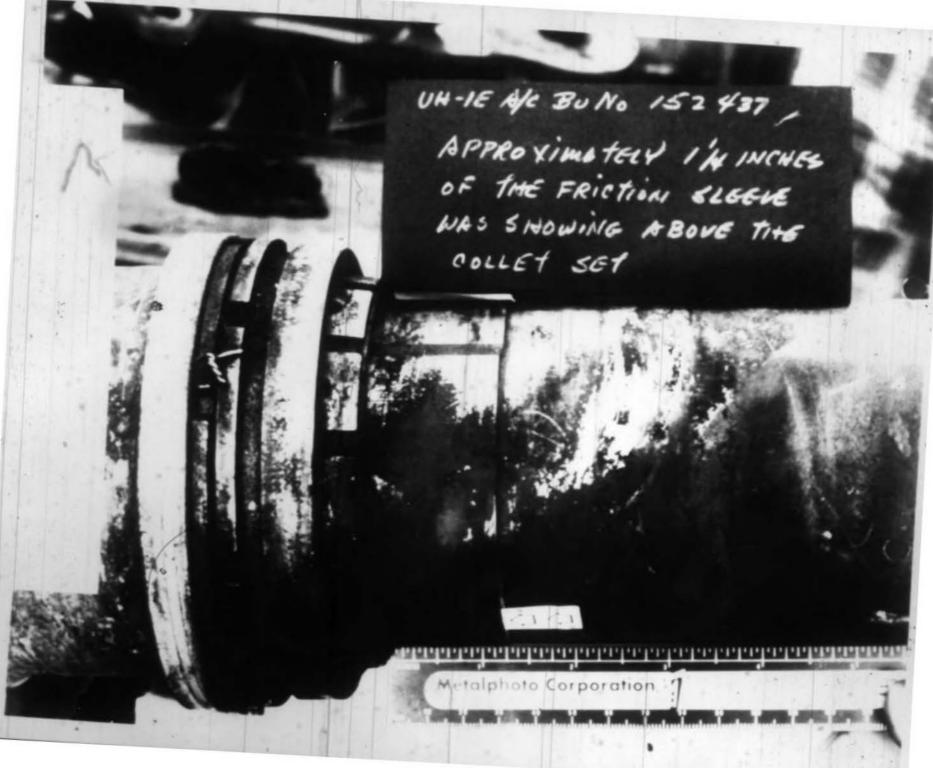


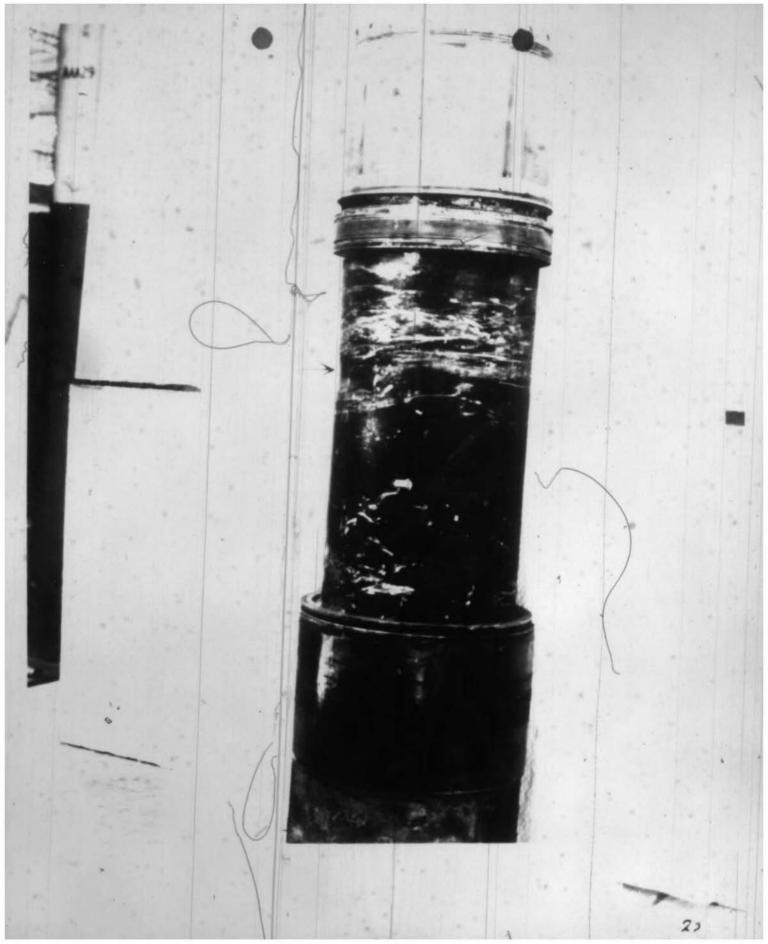


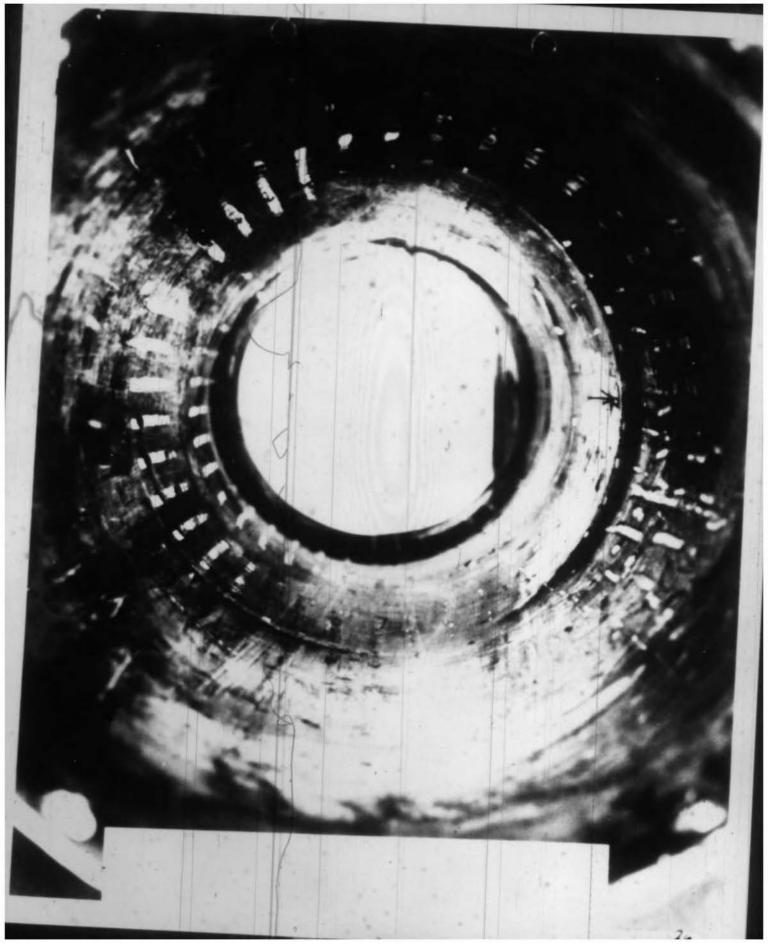


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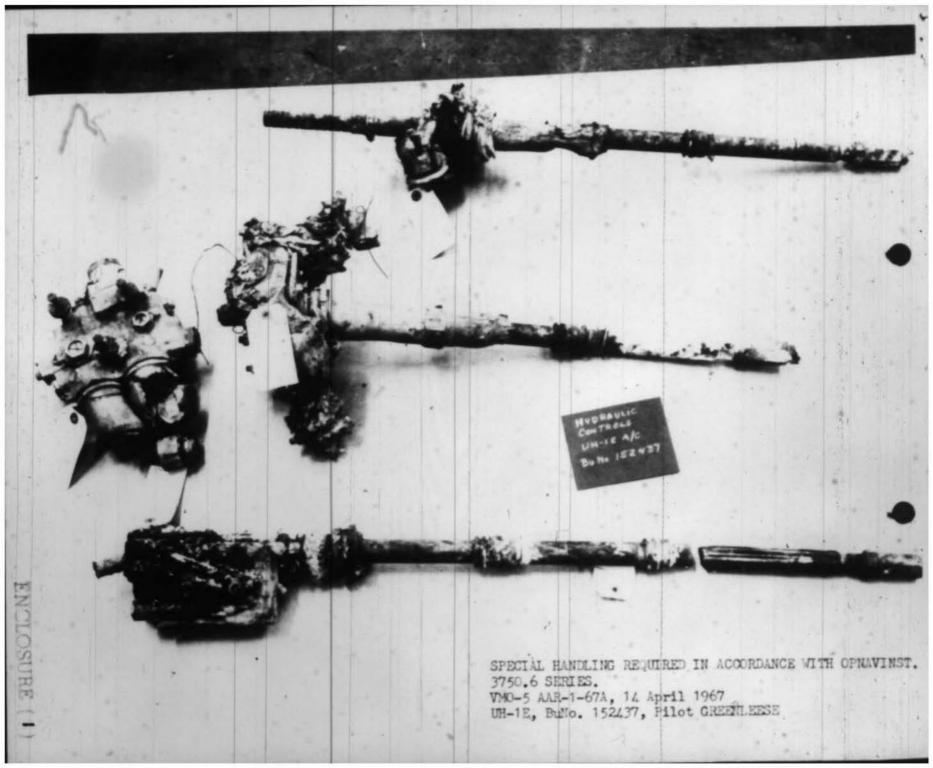






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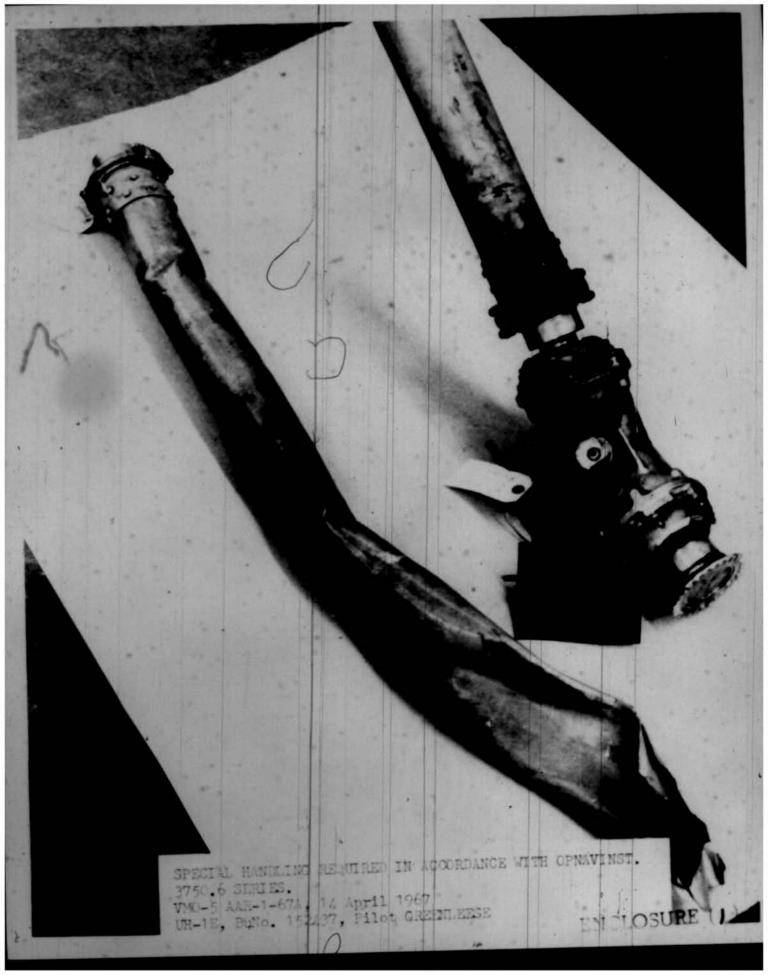
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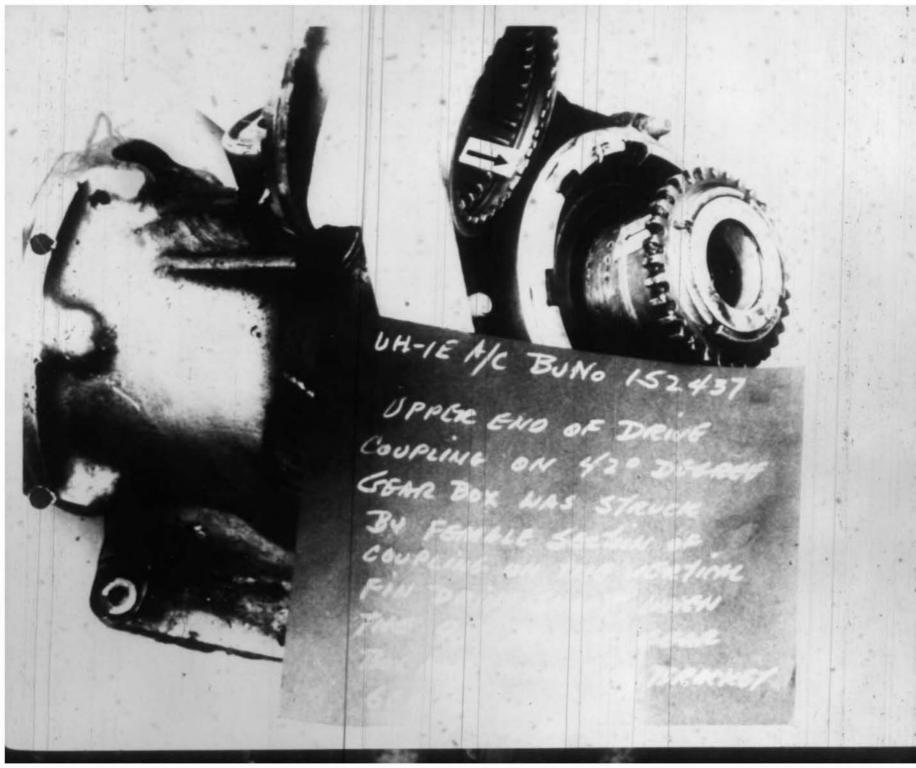
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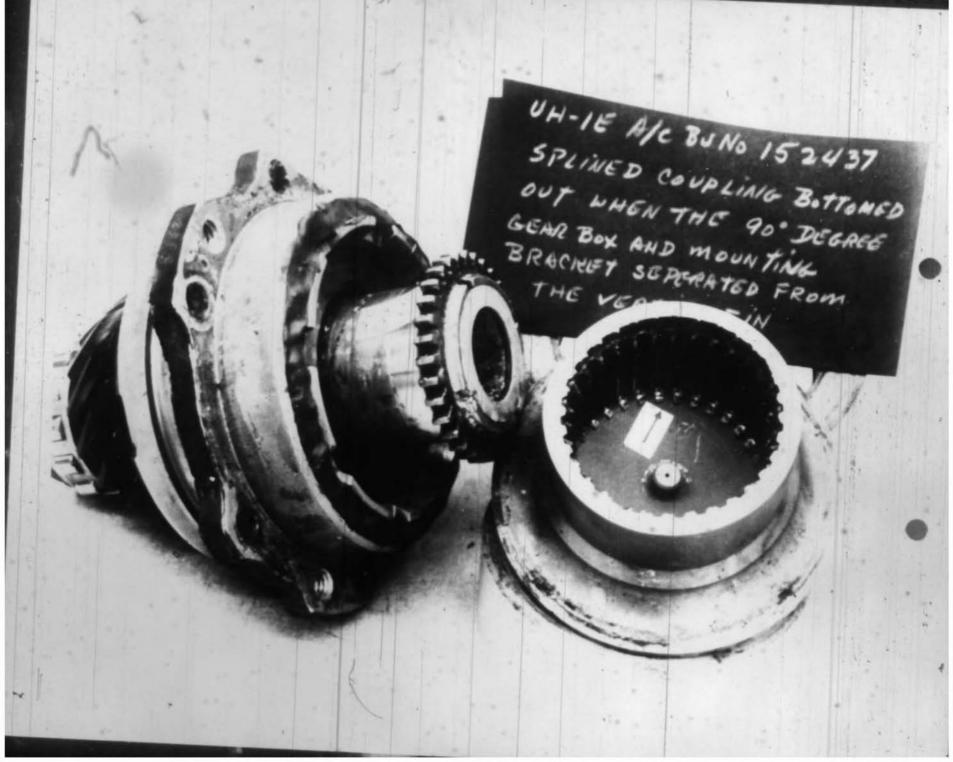
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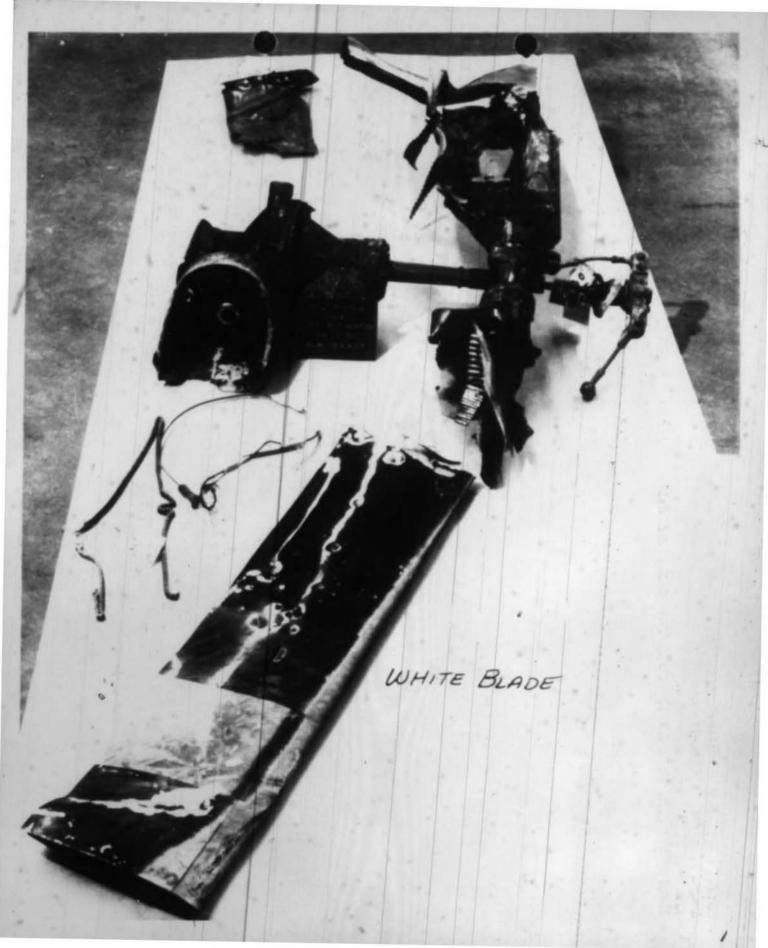
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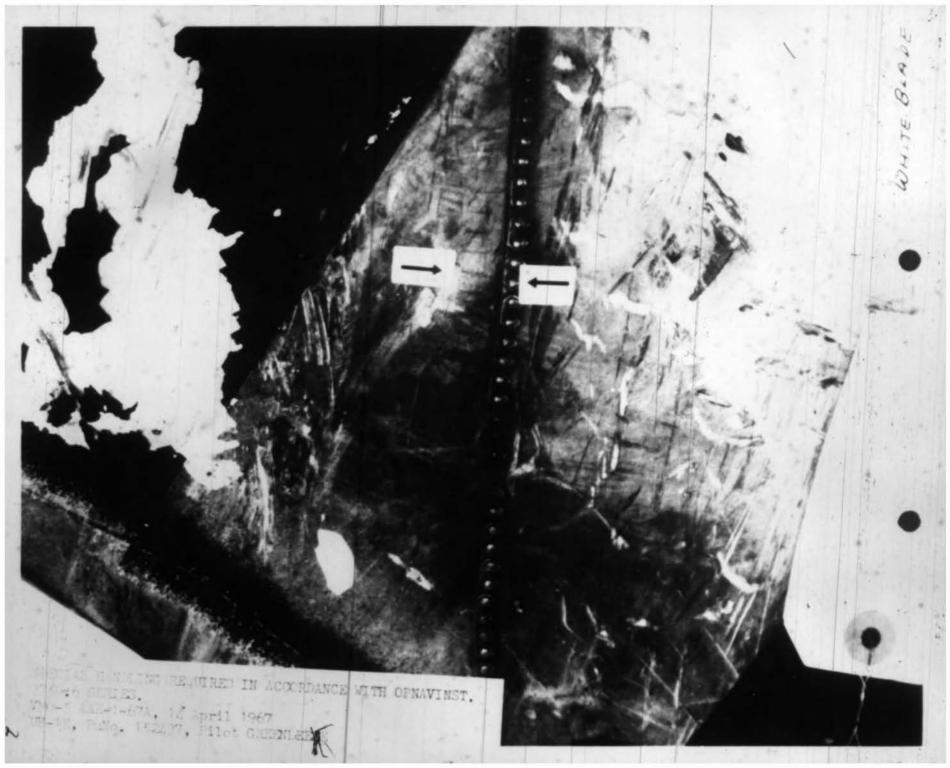
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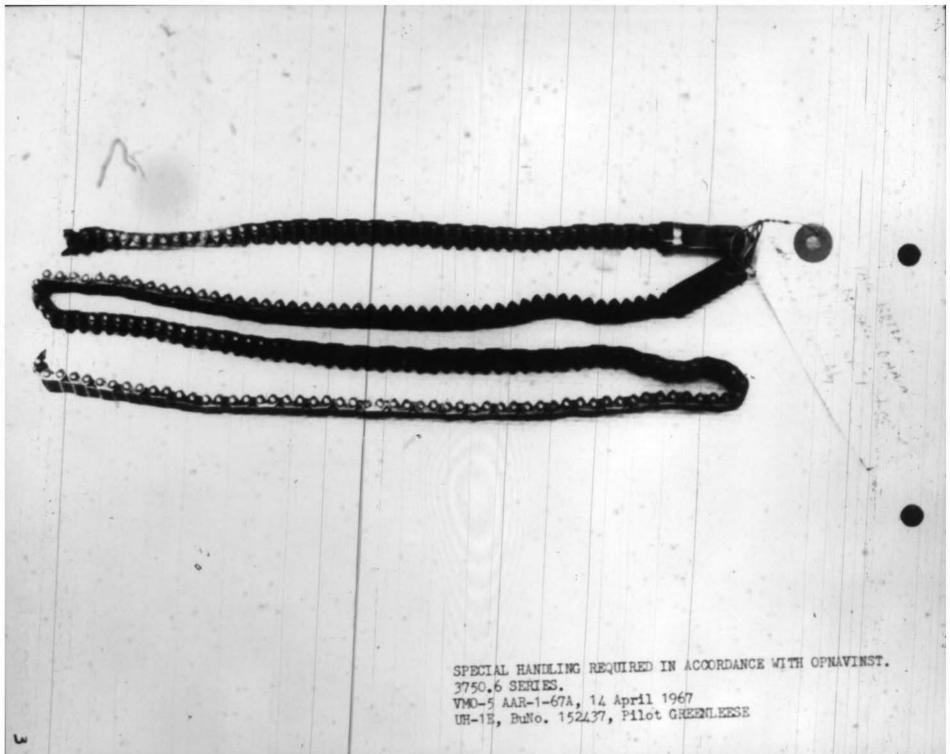
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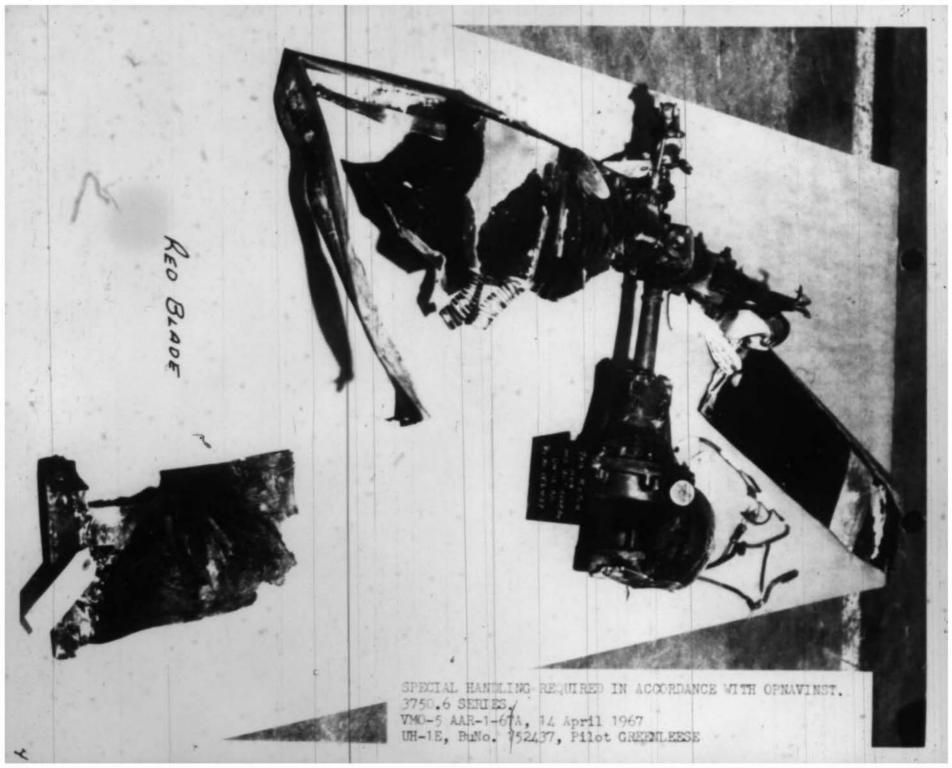
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- 27. Conclusions: That the loss of bolt, P/N AN174-14A, and nut, P/N NAS679-A4, caused loss of the tail rotor control system. A loose slider would cause a high frequency vibration and inability to make normal turns because of improper blade angles.
- 28. Recommendations: None

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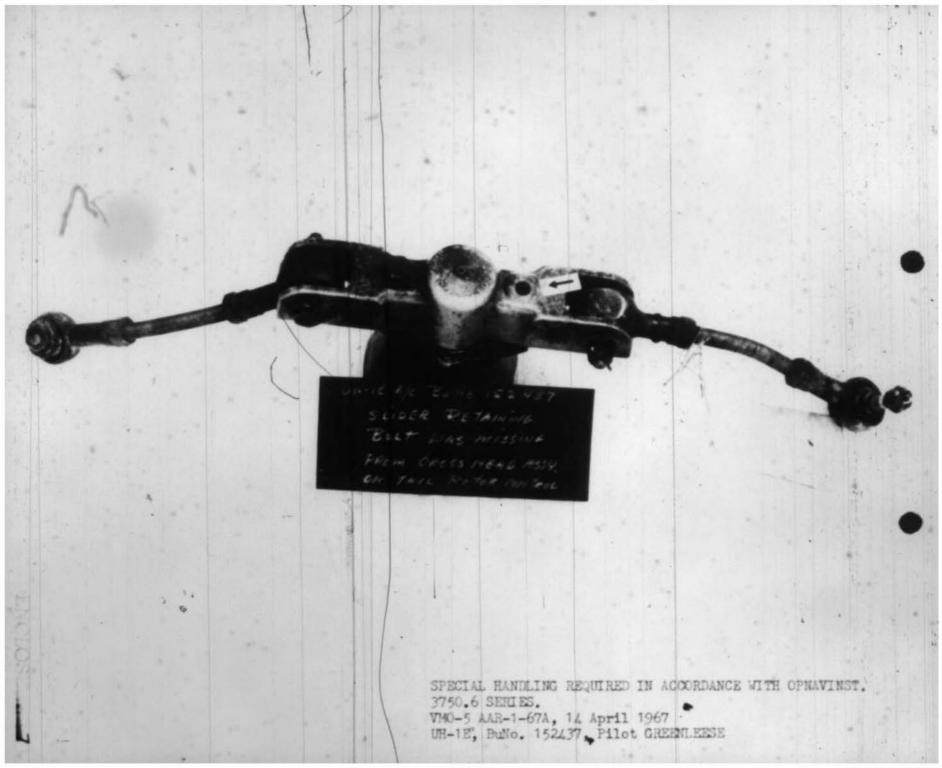






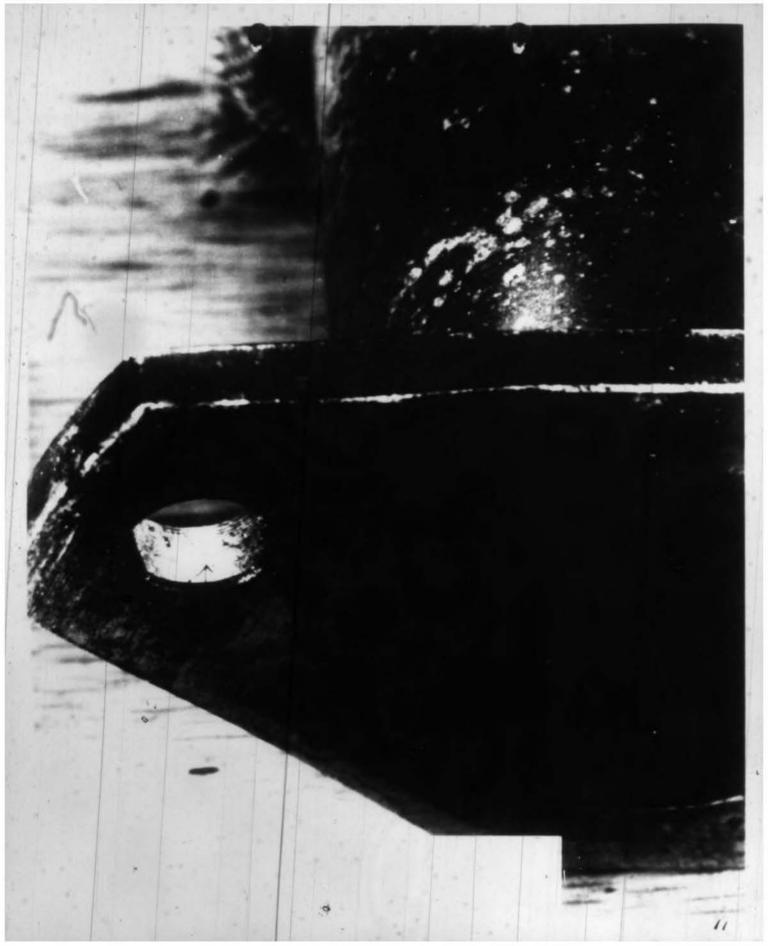
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#### INTRODUCTION

On 3 May 1967, Bell Helicopter Company responded to a request for assistance from Major (b) (6) senior member of Aircraft Accide Report Board, by sending Robert E. Eggers, UH-1E Project Engineer, and Robert Breyer, Metallurgist, to Camp Pendleton, California. The engine and most dynamic components had been sent to ARADMAC for examination. Due to initial negative results on these components, Bell representatives were requested to examine the remaining parts for anything that may have been overlooked in prior investigation.

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#### INVESTIGATION

The remaining parts revealed no fatigue or structural breaks that were the initiating cause of the accident, but several points were observed that may aid in the investigation.

- The lead cyclic counter balance weights located under the floor beneath the copilot's seat were melted away in the fire, but the bolts were bent forward and approximately 20° right.
- 2. The 5th mount support is crushed on the right hand side, and the lower right segment of the engine is broken away. The right mounting hole in the 5th mount support is elongated to the rear. This indicates the engine moved forward and to the right on impact and struck the 5th mount support.
- 3. The white blade shows indications of having struck the ground twice. The first time it struck only the outboard three feet contacted the ground, as evidenced by (1) the chordwise scratches on the underside of the blade, and (2) the spar is bent up just inboard of the tip weights. The second contact of the white blade was a solid leading edge strike which compressed the blade skin to the rear. It should be noted that the chordwise scratch marks caused by the first strike are continuous through crumpled compressed portion of the blade.
- 4. Radios in the nose compartment also indicate impact at about 20° right of the nose.
- The tail boom failed in compression on the left side and the tension on the right side at approximately Station 250.
- 6. One bolt was missing on the crossbar of the tail rotor.

  Major (5)(6) questioned Bell on the results to be expected from loss of this bolt in the air. Bell Helicopter Company conducted tests as detailed in Appendix B to acquire supporting data to answer this question. As noted in the detailed test report, the exact environment of the helicopter cannot be duplicated, and therefore the results of the test are not

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necessarily conclusive. However, the magnitude of the loads applied to cause the pitch change link to fail is so far above normal loads that it is assumed the damage must have occurred on impact.

Bell Helicopter Company also sent Mr. Don Swartwout, Metallurgist, to ARADMAC to examine components at that location. Details of this examination are reported in Appendix A.

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OBSERVATIONS MADE ON UH-1E HELICOPTER COMPONENTS SENT TO ARADMAC FROM CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA

## HISTORY AND RELATED DATA

Helicopter:

-----UH-1E (540) Registration -----152437

Operation:

Base ------ Camp Pendleton, California 

## INTRODUCTION

On April 14, 1967, a UH-1E helicopter crashed on the side of a mountain in California. A number of dynamic components were flown to ARADMAC at Corpus Christi, Texas, for disassembly and examination. The writer was dispatched to ARADMAC to view the parts. Personnel at ARADMAC requested that since they officially were to examine the parts and report their findings, all disassembly was to be performed by them. This report covers only visual observations made on the parts as received at ARADMAC.

## CONCLUSIONS

The parts received at ARADMAC were severely fire damaged and contained numerous fractures and items of secondary damage.

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All the fractures viewed appeared to be secondary static overload fractures, the result of ground impact. None of the components exhibited gross wear, corrosion, or evidence of malfunction which might have started an accident sequence.

#### DISCUSSION

The components returned were from the following general areas:

- Main rotor blade roots
- 2. Main rotor hub assembly
- 3. Upper mast and controls
- 4. Lower mast and controls
- 5. Transmission parts
- 6. Engine to transmission driveshaft
- 7. Servo cylinders 8. Tail rotor system

Each area was visually examined and any area of interest or any area requiring laboratory analysis was brought to the attention of ARADMAC personnel

1. Main Rotor Blade Roots, Figure 1

Both main rotor blades had some fire damage. The white blade had been sawed off at a convenient length and the red blade had fractured near the end of the doublers. Both blades had fractured axially through the honeycomb trailing edge from an overload on the drag braces. All Fractures were the result of gross overloading during ground impact.

2. Main Rotor Hub Assembly, Figures 1 and 2

The white blade yoke flex plate was bent upward approximately 10°. No other damage was apparent except for burning of the dust covers.

3. Upper Mast and Controls, Pigure 2

## Stabilizer Bar:

Both stabilizer bar outer tubes had fractured statically from bending toward the white rotor blade. Three of the four stabilizer bar support mounting bolts fractured statically from the shear. The shear force appears to have resulted from a flapping overtravel by the main rotor yoke which contacted the lower end of the stabilizer bar support and pushed upward.

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#### Flapping Restraint:

The roll pins fastening the dynamic flap restraint blocks to the flapping restraint shaft were both fractured.

#### Dampers:

The sight glass had been melted from one damper. The other damper appeared still functional and in time. Each of the two damper links had statically fractured from bending and overtravel of the yoke and stabilizer bar on ground contact.

#### 4. Lower Mast and Controls, Figure 3

#### Mast and Bearing:

The mast had been cut in two to facilitate shipping. There was no discernible bend in the mast. Except for fire damage, the mast bearing appeared in good condition.

#### Control Tubes:

The pitch control tubes were statically fractured near the mixing levers. The tube sections had been burned off at the scissors and were not available for examination.

## Scissors Assembly:

The six bolts securing the drive flange to the scissors hub were sheared from a static overload.

## Swashplate:

A static fracture separated the mono-ball pivot from the swashplate support base. Two fractures on the swashplate elevator horn freed a section of the horn. These fractures appeared to be static in nature, but laboratory cleaning is necessary to positively confirm this.

#### Other Items:

The collective system, anti-drive link, and scissors all appeared free of significant damage.

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# 5. Transmission Parts

# Input Quill, Figure 4:

The transmission input quill and the 204-040-269-3 alignment bearing and housing were undamaged by the fire. Six rollers were missing from the bearing, which had separated from the main transmission case in an aft direction after shearing the three retaining pins.

Four 204-040-700 gear teeth had major chips removed from the toes of the teeth. A section 3/8 by 3/8 by 1-1/4 inches had fractured from the alignment bearing journal. Both the journal and the tooth damage appeared to have resulted from the fragmentation of the main transmission case on impact. There was no matching damage on the 204-040-701 mating gear member; however, heavy gouges on the lower bearing journal of the 204-040-324 shaft suggest it may have contacted the input pinion gear.

The main triplex bearing appeared clean and free of damage.

#### Other Parts:

The transmission case was largely consumed by fire. All the other quills were grossly fire damaged, but appeared free of fractures or other damage not associated with the fire.

6. Engine to Transmission Driveshaft, Figure 5

The driveshaft tube connecting the two spherical couplings fractured statically. The loading appeared to be a bending load which locked up the spherical coupling and restgained the subsequent axial load from the engine as the engine moved forward.

- 7. Servo Cylinders:
- Destroyed by fire.
- 8. Tail Rotor System

Drive Train, Figure 6:

Both the 42° and the 90° tail rotor gear boxes were relatively undamaged and free of evidence of malfunction. The 90° gear

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box support casting had separated from the tail fin by shearing the rivets. Final separation appeared to be in a direction forward and approximately 30° above the horizontal axis of the

The fractures on the tail drive shaft were all static fractures with some evidence of impact crippling present.

# Control System:

Mechanical twisting plus two fracture locations indicate that the tail rotor pitch control chain fractured after the 90° gear box separated from the tail fin. During the fracturing, the chain was pulled through the sprocket, unscrewing the pitch change rod from the pitch control quill. Except for the mechanical screw separation, no evidence of malfunction existed.

# Cross Head, Figure 7:

One of the two bolts which secure the slider to the cross head was missing. Because of dirt and fire damage, simple visual examination could not determine if the bolt had fractured on impact or had come out earlier. The ears on the cross head were bent in a shallow "S" shape.

# Blades:

Both tail rotor blades had fractured statically in bending, apparently from ground impact.

# Hub Retention:

Abnormal flapping of the tail rotor imposed a bending moment to the static stop, causing the hub retention nut to shear its threads. This likely occurred midway during the crash

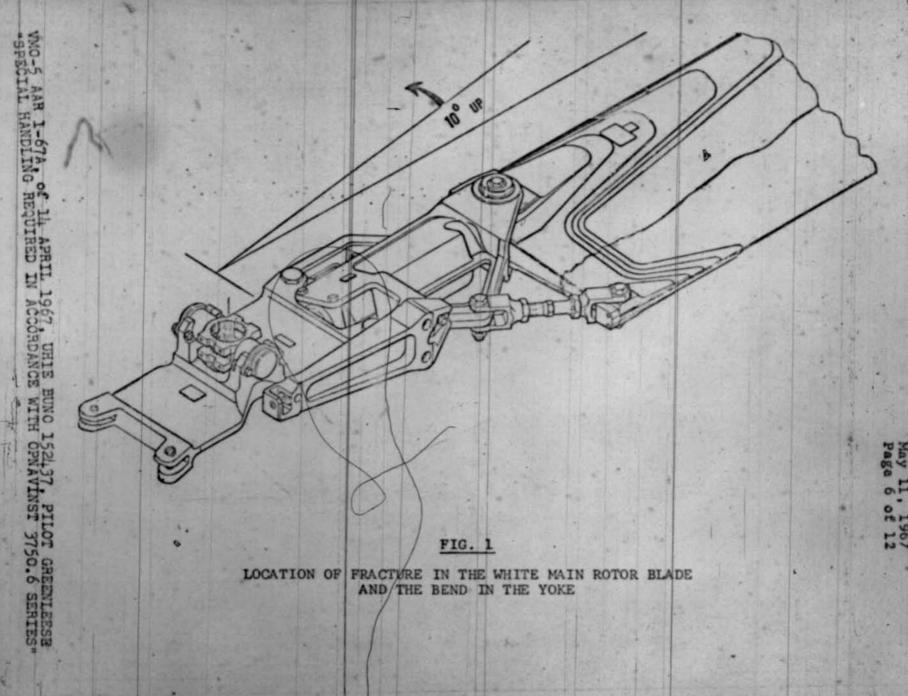
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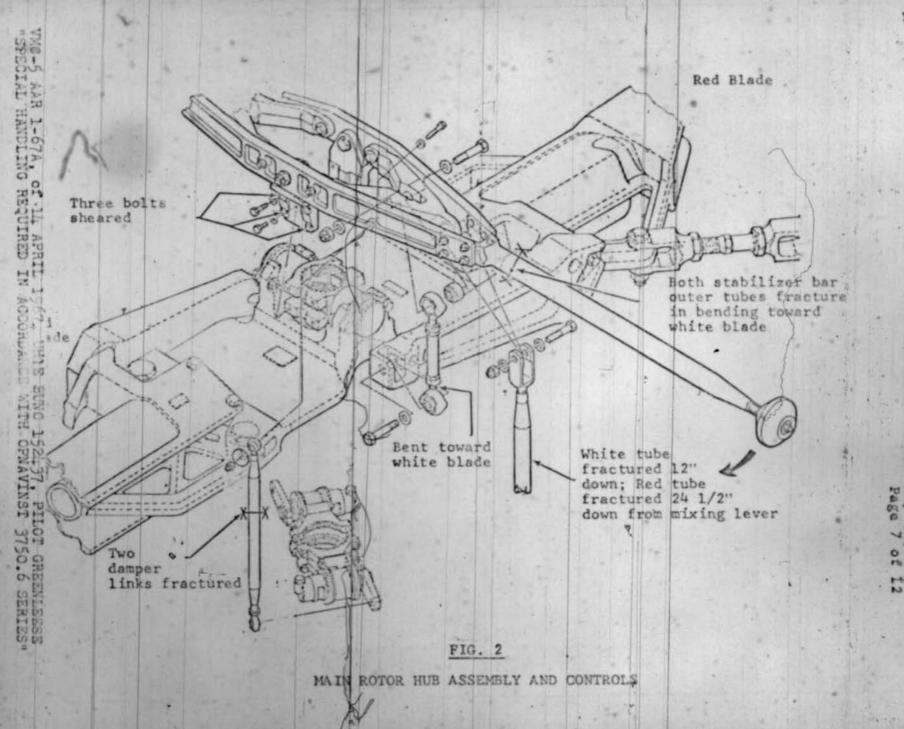
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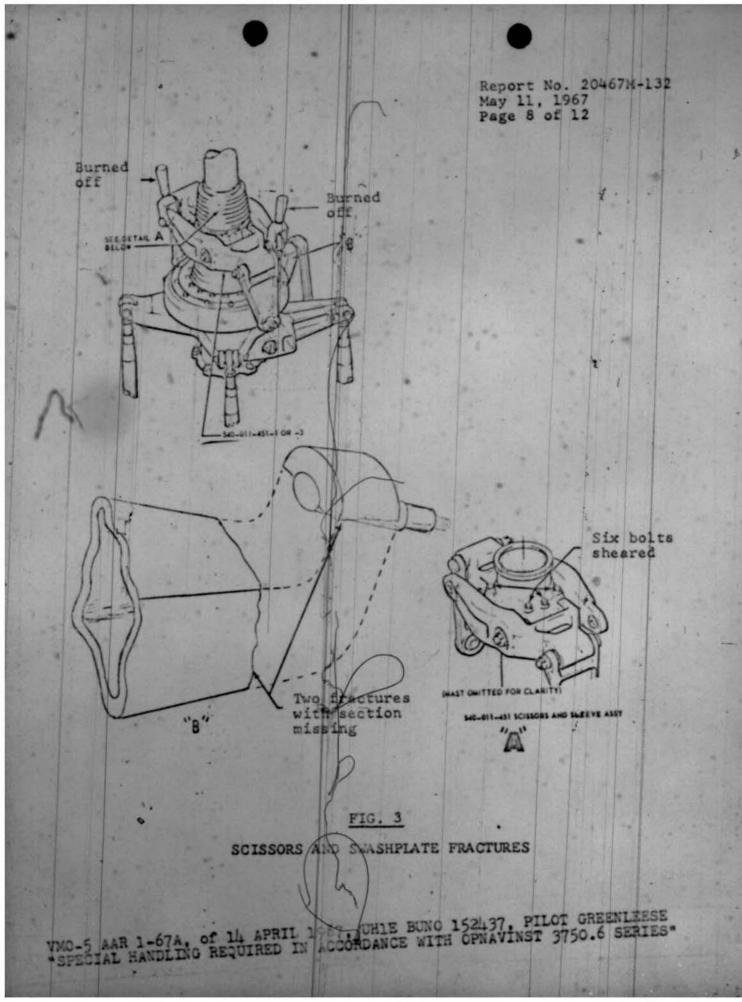
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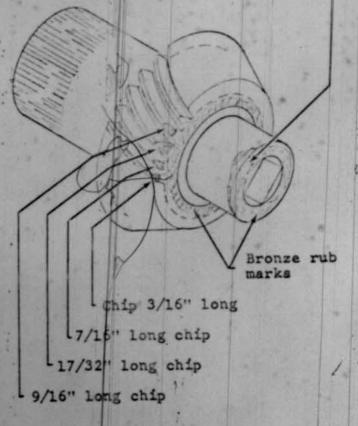
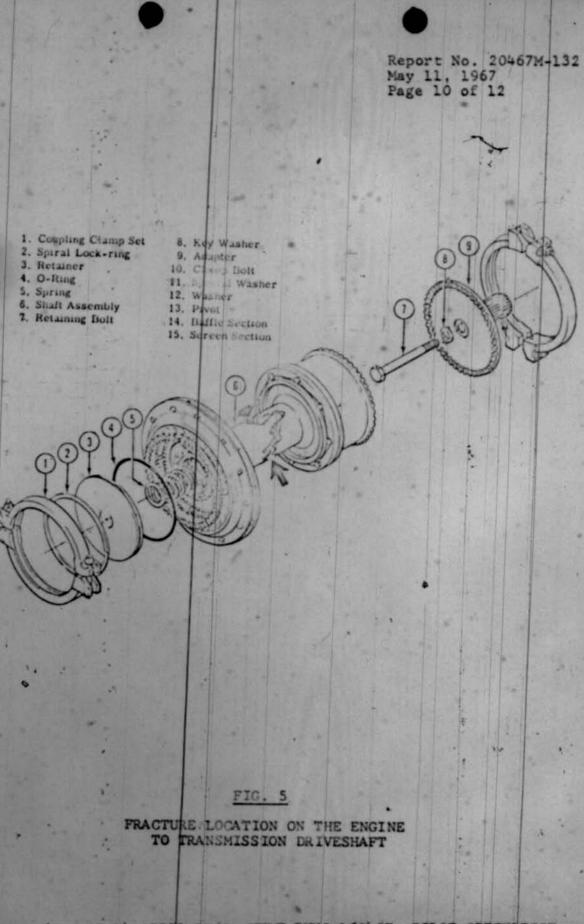


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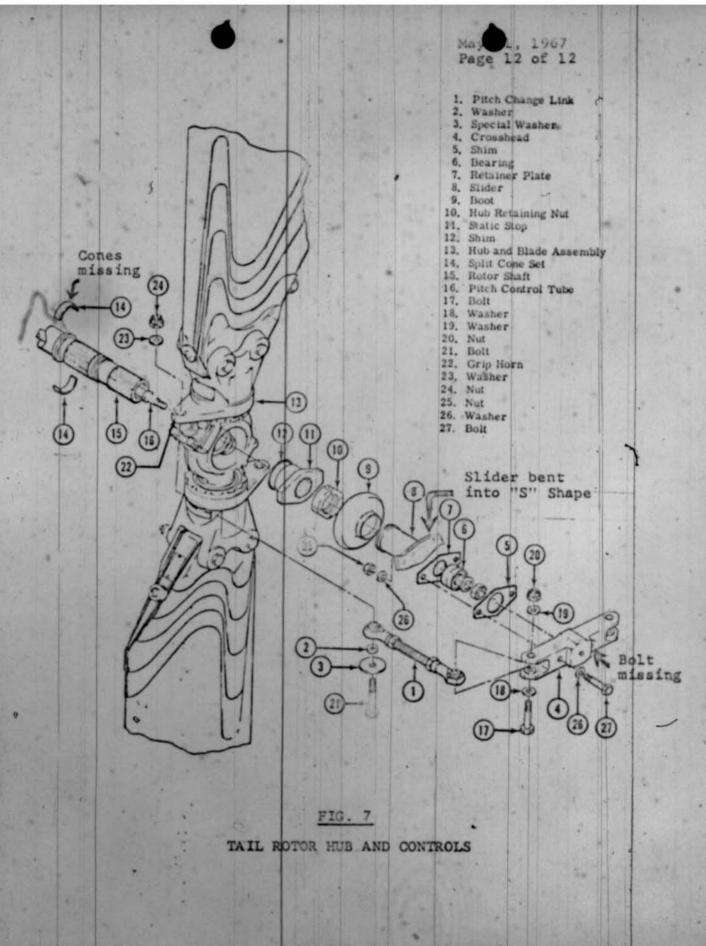
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REPORT OF 204 TAIL ROTOR SLIDER AND CROSSHEAD TESTS

### INTRODUCTION

an effort to determine whether the loss of one of the two tail rotor slider to crosshead bolts could precipitate loss of the tait rotor, three separate tests were conducted. With one bolt missing, a static load-deflection test was performed to determine whether flight measured loads would produce deflections of sufficient magnitude to impair the operation of the tail rotor. "A whirl test was conducted with one bolt loosened and then missing under various conditions of pitch, track, and rpm in an effort to excite a dynamic instability. Finally, a crosshead-slider assembly was loaded statically with all bolts installed and properly torqued to determine what component would fail first and at what pitch link load magnitude the failure would occur.

# RESULTS

# A. Static Proof Loading

A crosshead-slider assembly was loaded statically by rigidly connecting the two grips and loading the pitch change tube to load the pitch links in compression. The bolt fastening the crosshead and slider on the "red" side was removed, and the pitch links were loaded to -317 lbs. in the "red" link and -348 lbs. in the "white" link. A gap of .031 inches was opened in the slider-crosshead joint on the side with the bolt miss-ing. The gap closed completely after the load was released.

The pitch change tube was then hel fixed while a shear load was applied to the steel "yoke" connecting the two grips. This load was applied in line with the flapping axis (so as to produce no flapping) and produced tension in the "white" pitch link and compression in the "red" pitch link. Because of different nigidities (due to the red side bolt missing), the maximum pitch link loads obtained were -182 lbs. in the red pitch link and 496 lbs. in the white pitch link. Under this load a .106 inch gap was opened in the slider-crosshead joint on the red side. No yield a permanent set was evident after the load was released.

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# B. Whirl Testing .

The same rotor and clider-crosshead used for the static test was whirl tested on the whirlstand. The rotor was tracked and balanced and base line runs were made with all bolts in and properly torqued. Rotor rpm was swept from 0 to 1600 at a constant tl3° pitch and blade pitch was swept from -3° to +13° at a constant 1510 rpm. Both pitch link axial loads and blade beam and chord bending moments at stations 11.0, 16.25, and 21.50 were recorded with the instrumentation installed. As usual on the whirl stand, relatively small oscillatory loads were measured. Maximum pitch link oscillatories recorded were t25 lbs.

The nut of the red side crosshead to slider attachment bolt was then backed off 0.09 inches. Several runs were made at 1600 rpm and pitch settings from -3° to +13°. Loads measured were the same as for the base line runs. The rotor was then run out of track by adjusting the pitch links so that there was 11 1/2 turns difference in their relative lengths from the "in-track" lengths. The rotor was whirled at 1540 rpm with +13° mean pitch and 1600 rpm with +8° mean pitch. Pitch link oscillatory loads remained below ±33 lbs., and no unstable conditions were noted.

The loosened bolt was retorqued and the rotor was again run out of track at 1600 rpm and +8° mean pitch. Pitch link loads were the same as with the bolt loosened. The rotor was then whirled with the bolt completely removed and no change in results was noted.

A mechanical shaker was then installed on the whirl stand and the frequency of its input force was swept from 0 to 3000 cpm. No pitch link oscillatory loads higher than ±50 lbs. could be obtained. The rotor was then whirled at 1600 rpm with the shaker shaking the stand at 1600 cpm. The red crosshead-slider bolt was removed and the pitch was swept from -3° to +13° with rotor and shaker rpm at 1600. No pitch link loads higher than ±40 lbs. were recorded and no unstable condition could be excited. This was repeated with the shaker set at a lower frequency to excite a primary beam mode of the hub assembly and no change in results was noted. The missing bolt was reinstalled and the runs were repeated. Results were the same.

Pitch link loads and blade bending moments were recorded on permanent records for all whirl test runs.

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# C. Static Testing

A tail rotor gearbox and pitch change control quill, control tube, slider, crosshead, and both pitch links were assembled per Bell Drawing 20-011-700. The hub and blade assembly was not installed. The gearbox was mounted rigidly to a test fixture. The pitch change quill was locked by means of the control chain and the inboard ends of the pitch links were connected to two levers which make the discontrol the geometrical relationship of the pitch links on the helicopter. Fig. 1 shows a

Both pitch links were loaded simultaneously in compression by calibrated hydraulic cylinders thing through the levers. The magnitude of the applied pitch link load on one side was twice that of the other side. This loading condition was arbitrarily assembly flapping and coming off of the tail rotor mast on

At pitch link loads of 1250 pounds compression in one pitch link and 2470 pounds compression in the other, the higher loaded pitch link buckled and fractured at the thread runout on the outboard end. All other components of the test assembly were no evidence of failure or permanent deformation of any other

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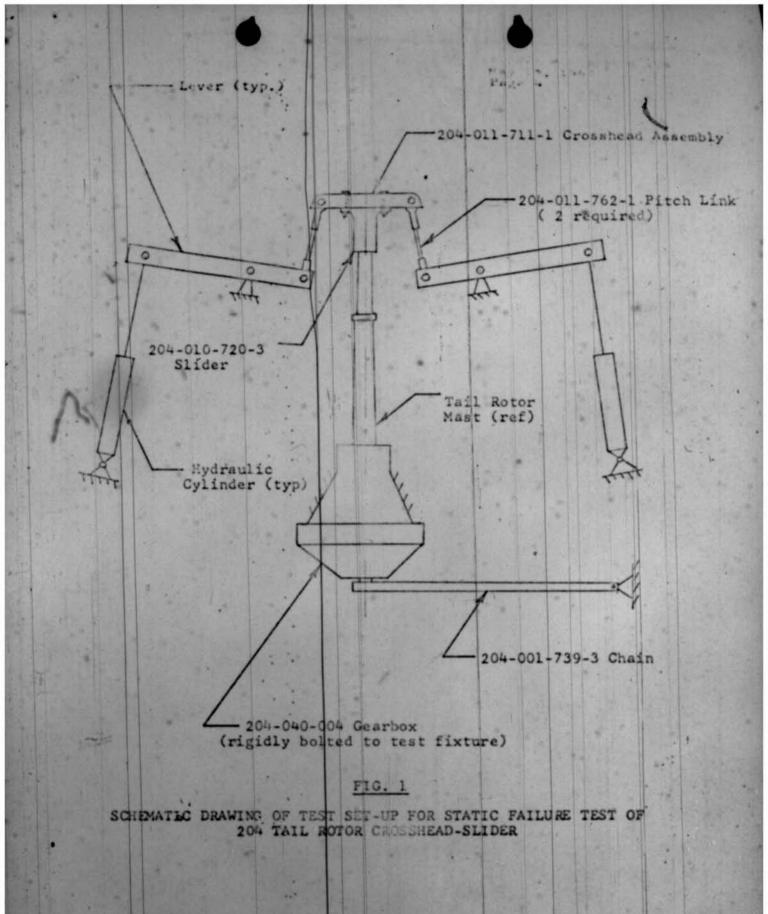
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3 " " " " (b) (c) (d) (d) (d) (d) (d) (d) (d) (d) (d) (d	M C/C ENLEESE FUNCHEON  ENLEESE FUNCHEON  O  O  O  O  O  O  O  O  O  O  O  O	C/C MISSIGN/WT  1 FAM  1 PQM X/1500  2 TGT ACQ-1/1500  1 TAC-1  2 INST-5/1200  2 INST-5/1200  1 PQM X/1500  1 TAC-1  2 INST-5/1200  1 TAC-1  2 INST-5/1200  1 EXT WT  2 TGT ACQ-1/1500  1 FAM  2 INST-5/1200  FAM-8X  2 WT-4/1500  2 INST-4/1200  1 EXT WT  2 TGT ACQ-1/1500  1 PQM X/1500  2 INST-4/1200  1 EXT WT  2 TGT ACQ-1/1500  1 PQM X/1500  2 INST-6/1200  2 NAV-2  2 INST-5/1200
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### RESUME OF PILOTS FLYING EXPERIENCE LAST FIVE FISCAL YEARS

	Period	*	Flight	CV II	ogs	Operati	onal
COMMAND ATTACHED	Assigned	Model A/C					
HMM-263, MAG-26, 2dMAW	Feb 62 -			117			
	Sept 62	HUS	155.8	35	17	NONE	
HTM-262, MAG-26, 20MAW	Oct 62 -	SNB	3.3				
	Jan 63	UH34D	130.5	3			
HMM-261, MAG-16, 1stMAW	Jan 63 -	UH34D	633.9	77	7	tt	
	May 64	H43	3.7		13	it	1
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For Second Lieutenant Edward J. FUNCHEON Jr. (6) (6) USMCR

Aug 65 -

May 66

May 66 -

15Dec66

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b Unit #1 HMH-462

Sub Unit #1 H&MS-30

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COMMAND ATTACHED	Period Assigned	Model A/C		CV LDGS DAY/NIGHT	Operational Proficiency
Training Command	May 65 - Oct 66	T34 T28 TH-13M H34	28.6 136.1 20.9 54.6	6 4	NONE "
Sub Unit #1 HWWS-30 VHO-5	5Dec66 - 15Dec66 - 15Dec66 - 14Apr67	0	0 97.2		

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ENCLOSURE (23)

VMO-5 AAR 1-67A, 14 APRIL 1967, UH-1E, BUNO 152437, PILOT GREENLESS

I came in early on that Friday about 0615. I don't recall who was in charge that morning, but whoever it was, told me I was going to fly on a PCM check on UV-13, and to go out and pre-flight it. I went and got some pre-flight cards and went out to the bird. I started the preflight and everything looked fine. After it was finished I remembered I had forgotten to take a fuel sample, so I went and got the fuel sample bottle and took a sample, it looked good. Ground Support came out and put 1500 lbs of weights in the aircraft and I strapped them in. I was satisfied now that she was ready to fly so I went in and signed it off. I waited awhile until Lieutenant FUNCHEON came in and signed the Yellow Sheet. I told him that I was going to be the crew chief and he gave me a briefing. We went out to the bird and he started his pre-flight. He pulled a good pre-flight and was ready to strap in. Lieutenant GREENLEESE was not out there yet, so Lieutenant FUNCHEON decided to go ahead and strap in and get everything set before Lieutenant GREENLESE came out. He started his check list, and everything was set. We sat there a minute or so and Lieutenant GREENLEESE came out. He was in his usual good mood and asked if everything was ready. Lieutenant FUNCHEON said it was and he hopped in and strapped in. We turned up and everything looked good. We taxied out and the tower cleared us to get in a right hand orbit to shoot some auto's and some precision approaches. Lieuten-Ent FUNCHEON was doing fline, but I recall on one of the approaches he dropped the collective too fast and too high and we hit the deck a little hart. Lieutenant GREENLEESE said it was allright so we proceeded to Camp De Luz and shot some approaches to the heli-pad they have there. Lieutenant FUNCHEON was a little nervous but Lieutenant GREENLEESE told him he was doing fine and probably gave him some confidence. We then went to Case Springs and did some RAL's. Lieutenant FUNCHEON was good at them so we didn't stay long. We came back to Margarita Area and some landings on a slope with one skid on a slope and the other one in the air, after that we came in and landed. I ran into the line shack and got the gear for the external weight part of the hop but the weight crew was not ready. We couldn't find anyone to go so Lieutenant CHEENLESE decided to shut down and resume the hop on the next launch. He told me to take out the weights and told me when to be back there. The fuel truck came out and I refueled it. I came in to the line shack and told Ground Support the weights had to be removed. I went out to the board to see who was going to be on the ground crew, I found out then that my section leader told me I couldn't finish the hop because the bird wasn't in my section. They assigned another crew chief and I resumed my regular duties.

Lance Corporal (b) (6) has been a member of VMO-5 since October 1966. He was put on Non-Crew Member gunner flight pay in December 1966, then to Non-Crew Member for training and on 1 May 1967 was placed on Crew-Member flight pay. Lance Corporal (b) (6) has a total of 263 hours flight time in the UH-1E. He is considered a credible witness.

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STATEMENT OF CORPORAL (6) (6)

AAR 1-67A, 14 APRIL 1967, UH-1E, BUNO, 152437, PILOT GREENLESSE

I was assigned the regular Crewchief on UV-13. I was assigned the Crewchief after the making of three work sections in the maintenance dept.

The aircraft had only been up a short while for it had a Isl lateral best. (One par revolution vibration, A/B) Upon changing sections Sgt. (b)(6) belonced the stabilizer bar and night crew put it together. I worked off the Q.C. gripes the following morning. There was only two or three. They were not major items just safety wire and small things on the rotor head. This aircraft had a 540-A stabilizer bar, even though it was a 540 rotor system.

After a test hop (During which the aircraft flew satisfactorily) the aircraft was sent back to the line and started flying.

Since I was the crewchief I did almost all the preflighting & dailies (Daily aircraft inspection. AAE). The only time I did not do this was when someone flew it for night flying or early laugh in the mornings.

During this time I experienced no difficulty with the aircraft. It flow real smooth and it had no leaks to my knowledge. The aircraft was kept reasonably clean, and as far as I know it had no discrepancies that would have in any way effected the safe operation of the aircraft.

I had not been the crewchief on the aircraft, very long, but I had just begun to know it to the point I felt perfectly safe while flying in the airplane. Even though it is a personal opinion I believed it to be one of the best aircraft in the squairon. I would have went with it anywhere without any misgivings or a second thought.

I never had to add any engine or transmission oil or hydraulic fluid. The rotor head was fairly clean and the collective scissors didn't sling out enough grease to hardly notice. Some aircraft sling it bad enough to make it necessary to wipe the Scissors Assembly after each flight. The aircraft had a new Scissors and Swashplate assembly and all controls were in good shape. The engine performed very reliably and gave me a feeling of security.

I flow the airplane on the 13th (night flying) on a weight hop and did not notice anything out of the ordinary on the flight, or on the postflight and during the securing of the aircraft.

The above statements are my personal opinions, but I feel I knew

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the aircraft as well as anyone could have, and an reasonably sure the aircraft was in good shape.

(b) (6)

Corporal (b) has been a member of VMO-5 since September-1966. He was assigned non-crew member flight pay for crew member training in January 1967 and assigned as a crew member in February. He has flown a total of 144.3 hours in the UH-1E. Corporal (b) (5) is a graduate of both the T-53-L-11 Engine class and the UH-1E airframe class at NAMTG, Camp Pendleton. He is considered a credible witness

VNO-5 AAR 1-67A, 14 APRIL 1967, UH-1E BUNO 152437, PILOT GREENIEESE

TRANSCRIPTION OF HADIO THANSHISSIONS BETWEEN LONG BEACH APPROACH CONTROL AND UNIFORM VICTOR 13 CM 14 APRIL 1967

#### LEGEND:

UV-13 - Uniform Victor CME THREE (UH-1E Bureau Number 152437)

- Long Beach Approach Control

NOTE 1: Times given are all Uniform Time Zone (Local) on 14 April 1967.

NOTE 2: Transmissions between LGB and UV-13 are all in Capital letters and other transmissions are all in lower case. In addition, Non-Pertinent call signs are in parentheses.

NOTE 3: FAA regulations require five minutes prior to and subsequent to

pertinent transmissions.

12170

12180

12:50

2200

221U

2220

+ 50 SEC UV-13 LONG BEACH APPROACH UNIFORM VICTOR ONE-THREE ...

LGB

UV-13

223U LGB WAS THAT UNIFORM VICTOR ONE-NINER THAT CALLED

LONG BEACH APPROACH CONTROL ... OVER.

THIS IS UNIFORM VICTOR ONE-NIRKE-ER-JUST DEPARTED UV-13

AAH...SAN-SAN-AH...YA...VINCENTE COAST GUARD LIGHT

HOUSE LIKE TO MAKE A VFR FLIGHT PLAN.

AH ... UNIFORM ... AH ... VICTOR CHE. .. AH ... THREE IS ... H...FOR YOUR VFR FLIGHT PLAN CAN YOU CONTACT ...

H...FLIGHT SERVICE OR ... AH ... IS IT NECESSARY

TO FILE THROUGH ME ... OVER.

UV-13 ROGER ... I TRIED CONTACTING 'EM. BUT COULDN'T

GET 'EM UP ON THE AIR.

JIRIGHT ... AH ... UNIFORM VICTOR ... AH ... GAE-EH-

THREE ... AH ... GO AHEAD WITH YOUR FLIGHT PLAN.

ROGER...VFR FLIGHT PLAN UNIFORM VICTOR CNE-THREE IS HELICOPTER UH! ECHO, HUNDRED TEN KNOTS THUR LIR SPEED, PROPOSED TEPARTUPE TIME WAS AT ...

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AH. .AH. .WA...ONE-NIMER. REQUESTING..WA...
ONE..EH...POINT OF DEPARTURE WAS SAN VINCENTE
COAST GUARD LIGHT HOUSE. REQUESTING TERRAIN
PLUS ONE-THOUSAND VIA DIRECT EL TORO VIA DIRECT
CAMP PENDLETON. CAMP PENDLETON IS DESTINATION.
TIME OUT ONE..EH...ONE POINT FIVE AND IT'S TWO
HOURS FUEL ON BOARD. PILOT'S NAME FUNCHEON, FU, CORRECTION, FOX, UNIFORM, NOVEMBER, CHARLIE,
HOTEL, ECHO, OSC.R, NOVEMBER AND..EH...AIRCRAFT
HOME BASE IS CAMP PENDLETON.

LOB UNIFORM VICTOR...AH...CNE-THREE...AH...ROGER...
AH...AFTER YOUR...EH...ROUTING WAS THAT AN
ALTITUDE THAT...UH...YOU WERE GOING TO CRUISE AT?
I MISSED THE ALTITUDE.

UV-13 EH ... VFR.

UV-13 HOGER ... WE'RE CRUISING VFR.

LOB UNIFORM VICTOR-R ONE NI...THREE (GARBLED) YOU ALSO DEPARTED THE...H...LIGHT HOUSE AT ONE-NINER, IS THAT CORRECT?

UV-13 THAT'S AFFIRM ... AH ... ONE-THREE-ONE-NINER.

UNIFORM VICTOR ONE-THREE, ROGER. WE'RE FILING YOUR FLIGHT PL.N WITH FLIGHT SERVICE AT THIS TIME.

UV-13 ONE-THREE, ROGER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

1225U LOB YOU'RE WELCOME SIR AND..AH...DO YOU NEED...AH...
TR. FIC ADVISORIES, OVER?

(7K119) at...ah...Los Alamitos

(LGB) Say again.

(7K119) Marine Jet seven kilo one-one-nine off the deck...ah...Los Alamitos.

(LGB) Marine seven kilo one-one-niner, Long Beach
Departure Control Radar contact traffic between
twelve and one-o'clock, two miles West bound.

(7K119) one-one-nine, roger.

(LGB) Marine seven kilo one-one-niner, turn right heading two-one-zero. Climb and maintain six thousand for six minutes after departure.

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(7K119) Et...roger. Turning two-one-zero right and SPECIAL HANDLING REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CPNAV INST 3750.6 SERIES

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	100 St. 100 St.	climb to six.
	(LGB)	kilo one-one-niner, that's correct. Westbound traffic is clear off to your right rear at this time.
	(7K119)	Roger, I have 'em.
	(LGB)	Okey, sir.
	ICB	AHM RINE COPTEREHUNIFORM VICTOREH ONE-THREE, DID YOU REQUIRE TRAFFIC ADVISORIES, OVER?
	UV-13	THIS IS VICTOR ONE-THREE. NO WE'D APPRECIATE
	LOB.	UNIFORM VICTOR ONE-THREE, ROGER. GIVE ME YOUR PRESENT POSITION .ND HEADING.
226U	UV-13	PRESENT POSITION ISAHONE-TWO-ZERO RADIAL LOS ANGELES, ONE-EIGHT-ONE-NINER MILES AND HEADING ZERO-EIGHT-ZERO.
	(LOB)	Marine seven kilo one-one-niner climb and maintain flight level three-three-zero, squawk code two-zero-zero-zero, then contact Los Angeles Center on three-two-two-point four.
	(7K119)	Ehroger. Ehseven kilo one-one-nine's out of six for thirty-eh flight level three-three-zero, ahh, and I'm squaking three/two-zero-zero and going three-two-two-four.
	(IGB)	That's correct, sir.
	LOB	UNIFORMEHVICTOREHONE-EH-THREE-EH SQUAWK CODEEHZERO-SIXEHZERO-ZERO NORMAL, IDENT.
-	UV-13	ONE-THILEB, SQUAWKING.
2270	(N1383P)	Long Beach Approach Control Apache one-three- eight-three-Papa, over.
	(LOB)	Apache one-three-eight-three-Papa, Long Beach Approach, go shead.
	(N1383P)	One-three-Papa we're sisix DME miles North of the VOR on Victor four-five-nine, for landing Long Beach.

(LGB) Ah...roger..ah..plan left traffic runway one-six SPECIAL HANDLING REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH OPNAV INST 3750.6 SERIES

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hoger, three Pop.	

LOB EH. .. M.RINE UNIFORM VICTOR ONE-THREE, DID YOU IDENT ON-N CODE ZERO-SIX, SIR?

UV-13 VICTOR ONE-THREE, ROGER, SQUAWKING AGAIN.

UNIFORM VICTOR...H...ONE..EH...THREE..ER...

I HAVEN'T PICKED YOU UP ON YOUR IDENT...AH...

ARE YOU...AH..A-APPROACHING THE SHORELINE

SOUTHEAST BOUND NOW OR ARE YOU EASTBOUND OVER

THE WATER?

UV-13 THIS IS VICTOR ONE-THREE OVER HUNTINGTON BEACH AT...AH...TWO-BIGHT. EH...FIVE-THOUSAND...EH...

PIVE-HUNDRED. REQUEST FREQUENCY CHANGE.

LGB EH... PREQUENCY CHANGE APPROVED.

UV-13 THANK YOU SIR, OUT!

LGB YOUR WELCOME.

LGB EH...I GCT-CHER IDENT NOW UNIFORM VIC ONE-THREE FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION.

(N4373L) Long Beach Approach Control Cessna four-threeseven-three Lina.

(LCB) Cessna four-three-seven-three Lima, Long Beach approach Control, over.

(N4373L) Roger, Long Beach, seven-three-Lima at Los International VFR Long Beach, over.

(LCB) four-three-seven-three...eh...Lima right traffic, runway, one-six right, wind's one-eight-zero degrees at one-zero. Contact tower one-two-zero-point five at least five miles from the airport, advise them you have the numbers.

(N4373L) Eh...roger, seven-three Lima.

12300

12290

125:U (UP11) Long Beach Departure Control, Uniform Papa oneone, off Navy Los Al at three-two, over.

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	(LOP)	Uniform Papaehone-one Long Beach Departure Controleh, roger.
	(LGB)	Uniform Papa one-one, you just lifting off the right runway, over?
	(UP11)	This's Papa one-one, that's affirmative.
	(LGB)	Uniform Papa one-one radar contact, andah climb cross Midway intersection, at four-thousand. Maintain four-thousand.
4	(UP11)	Papa one-one, roger.
12320	(LCB)	Uniform Papa one-one, turn left heading one-two-
	(UP11)	Papa one-one, roger, coming left to one-two-
12330	(LCB)	Uniform Papa one-one is eight miles Northwest of the Midway intersection turn left heading zero-niner-zero. Join Victor twenty-three. Resume normal navigation.

I hereby certify that the above is a true transcription of the recorded radio transmission between 1217U and 1233U on 14 April 1967.

Papa one-one, roger.

(UP11)

(b)(6)

SATCS

Long Beach

# WEATHER SERVICES DIVISION AIRPIELD OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT U. S. MARINE CORPS AIR SPATION EL TORO (SANTA ANA) CALIFORNIA 92709

AIRCRAFT EMERGENCY/ACCIDENT DATA FORM

Prepared by the Weather Services Division, Station Operations Department, Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, Santa Ana, California.

	AIRCRAFT DATA DATE 14 April 1967
1.	Place of emergency 0680 Approx. Sty Miles from NZJ Tacan
	Time of emergency App. 12450 3. Nature of emergency Grash
4.	Pilot's name and rank
5.	Pilot's home station and or anization VID-5 SUB-UNIT 1 MCALF CAMP PENDLETON
	Aircraft type and side number_HUIE (HELECOPTER UV-13
*	Certified true extract of the official weather records.
1.	Place observation taken MCAS EL TOHO
2.	Time and type of observation PROCED ORSERVATION 12580
	Sky (condition and height) 6/10 C MUS ESTIMATED HEIGHT OF 2,500 OVERCAST LAYER OF CIMEUS AT UNKNOWN HEIGHT Visibility 10 Obstruction NONE Precipitation NONE
5.	Temperature 60 Dew Point 51 Relative Humidity 63
	Wind Direction 260° Speedlo S. Character STEADY
	Recorded Altimeter 30.05 Pressure Altitude +230 Time 12550
	Recovery ConditionDensity Alt.: +380 Specific Humdity: 0.008
	Was an experienced weather observer in the tower? VISIBILITY ONLY
	All recorded remarks
	Forecaster's brief statement of excisting conditions See Enclosure (1).
4	(b) (6)
	(name, rank, service number, and official status)
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ENCLOSURE (21)

VMQ-5 AAR 1-67A, of 14 APRIL 1967, UHIE BUNO 152437, PILOT GREENLEESE "SPECIAL HANDLING REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH OPNAVINST 3750.6 SERIES"

STATEMENT OF WEATHER CONDITIONS THAT PREVAILED AT MCAS EL TORO DURING THE PERIOD 1100U 14 APRIL 1967 UNTIL 1300U 14 APRIL 1967:

SYNOPTIC SITUATION: Weak surface trough had passed through the local area between 0800U and 1000U followed by a weak ridge of high pressure, resulting in moist unstable mir along the southern coast of California,

GENERAL WEATHER CONDITIONS: Scattered low clouds at an estimated height (base) of 2,500 feet at 09580 had increased to broken of ditions at 1058U with an aircraft report of bases at 2,500 feet over MCAS EL TORO at approx. 1045U, with tops reported by same aircraft at 1,000 feet. An overcast layer at an estimated 16,000 feet at 10000 had become an unknown base overcast of cirrus (clouds with bases above 20,000'), at Visibility through out entire day was unrestricted, (greater than 7 miles) with no precipitation recorded throughout the day.

Surface winds during period in question was from 280 degrees (in regulards to true North) variable to 260 degrees at 6-10 knots. Freezing level estimated 10,000 feet.

PEAK:

CONDITIONS OBSERVED TO THE MADE OF HOAS EL TORO IN VICINITY OF SANTHAGO Bases of broken to overcast layer estimated at 3,000 feet. showe 3,000 feet was obscured by clouds. Visibility below clouds was better than 7 miles.

THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE:

WEATHER WATCH OFFICER

ENCLOSURE(1)

TRANSCRIPTION OF MAY DAY THANSMISSION BY UH-1E UV-13 (BUNO 152437)
RECEIVED BY MCAS EL TOPD, NAS LOS ALAMITOS AND ALF SAN CLEMENTE ISLAND
TOWNERS AT 1245U, 14 APRIL 1967, ON 340.2 MEGACYCLES. DURATION OF ENTIRE
TRANSMISSION WAS SIX SECONDS.

May Day, May Day, May Day, Uniform Victor one three (unkey) one four miles south (end of transmission)

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STATEMENT OF LTCOL (b) (6)

AAE 1-67A, 14 APRIL 1967, UH-1E, BUNO 152437, PILOT GREENLESS

On 14 April, I departed Camp Pendleton at 1250 in a UH-1E on an ADMIN hop to MCAS 31 Toro and MCAF Santa Ana. At 1251, the Camp Pendleton tower advised me that El Toro tower had received a MAYDAY from UV-13. No further information was available. Approximately five minutes later, I contacted El Toro tower who confirmed the original MAYDAY report.

I assumed control as Airborne Search Coordinator and immediately instructed four other HUEYS to search areas, by FM radio. I also requested assistance from MHTG-30 and requested that the Group Commander be notified.

As various helicopters joined in the search, I assigned them sectors of search responsibility. Numerous false civilian reports began drifting in. A coast Guard helicopter was assigned the beach area, as there were considerable indications of a helicopter crash at sea off Huntington Beach.

I attempted to search the local area after learning that UV-13 was only five minutes from his El Toro ETA (1250) at the time of his MAYDAY call. Knowing the check pilot's habits personally, I concentrated the search effort by helicopter because of its better inherent search characteristics, in the Rough Area Landing sites in the mountains to the East of El Toro.

At approximately 1400, I recalled all but the beach search aircraft and landed at MCAF, Santa Ana. After a conference more detailed search sectors were assigned by the Search Coordinator, the Group Commander.

The weather at the time of the MAYDAY and the ensuing 2-4 hours was: Broken to overcast in the Santa Ana-El Toro area, visibility 15-20 miles. The mountaintops to the East were partially obscured by a rather solid overcast. I do not know the actual tops but from the holes in the El Toro area, would estimate them at about 5,000 feet. The bottoms came down to 3500-4000 feet. Another UH-1E and myself actually searched the canyon where the crash was eventually discovered but were unable to get above 4000 feet due to the clouds.

The search was continued with a maximum effort by all participating aircraft until the crash was located, by accident, by the El Toro SAR helicopter on 16 April. Upon being informed of the crash location, I rendesvoused with the SAR helicopter and he directed me to the site.

Any latting nearby the crash was impossible, and after several attempts, I finally managed to set down one-half mile away on a ridge at the 5100

foot level. From there I hiked down to the crash where I found all four men dead. This information was then passed to the Group Commander, also airborne at the crash site.

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Lieutenant Colonel (b) (6) was designated a Naval Aviator in April 1947. He has 4592 total hours, 1036 helicopter hours and 232 hours in the UH-1E.

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# AIRCTAFT OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE STRUKARY UV-13 BUNO 152437 1 COTTOBER 66 - 14 APRIL 67

#### 1. FLIGHT TIME BY MONTH:

October	55.0	HRS	February	41.6	HRS
November	56.9	HRS	March	61.2	HRS
December	25.1	IRS	April (thru 14th)	36.4	HRS
January	11.5	MBS			

# 2. FLIGHT TIME BO DAYS PRECEDING ACCIDENT

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# 3. DISCREPANCIES AND CORRECTIONS BY TYPE

DISCREPANCY	DATE	CORRECTIVE ACTION	SOURCE DOCUMENT
1:1 Vibration	70ct56	Reset pitch change links	GJ1-6280-884
1:1 "	70:156	Red blade evept 12 turns	
		tit .	GJ1-6280-877
1:1 "	110ct66	Reset pitch change links	GJ1-6284-884
1:1 "	17110v66	Torqued friction collet	GJ1-6321-875
1:1 "	1Dec66	Replaced friction collet	GJ1-6335-966
			(Cancelled)
1:1 "	7Dec66	Removed & retorqued	
1366		friction collet	GJ1-6342-823
1:1 "	3Jan67	Vibration within limits	GJ4-7003-461
1:1 "	5Jan67		GJ4-7005-508
1:1 "	12Jan67	Reshimmed swashplate	
	120 MIO	Repacked short shaft	GJ4-7012-588
	19Jan67	Changed mixing lever	GJ4-7019-689
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	20Jan67	3 degrees red blade up	GJ4-7020-713
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1:1 "	7Feb67	Retorqued friction collet	GJ4-7038-047
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	1000	29NJV67		Yellow Sheet	18
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Check Possibility of Loose Brass		ty	tail rotor servo for cracks and distortion,		
	Jerk in Tail Ro	tors	Cleaned and checked		
	in Tail Section				11/8
	Loud Noise Hear	rd ·			1
	Rattles	13Apr67	Adjusted Pilots door	GJ4-7103-089	
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	Door Needs Re-	our /	Pin on Co-Pilots door well		
	Pin on Co-Pilot	9			
	Broken	22Nov65	Replaced pin	Yellow Sheet	
	Pivot Pin for Droop Stop is			3)	1
	Red Blade	240ct66	Replaced pin	Yellow Sheet	
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1	Collective Friction	15Feb67	Increased built in Friction	GJ 4-7046-260	
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	Vibration	23Jan67	tail rotor	GJ4-7023-737	
ĸ,	High Frequency		Changed hub and balanced		
	High Frequency Vibration	11Jan67	Changed hub and balanced tail roter	GJ4-7011-737	10
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	Medium Frequence Vibration	11Jan67	Tracked tail rotor	Yellow Sheet	
	Laterial beat	28Mar67	Retorqued friction collet	GJ4-7087-515	
	1:2 Vibration	1CFeb67	Retorqued friction collet	GJ4-7041-134	
	1:1 "	30Mar67	Torqued friction collet	GJ4-7089-575	
	1:1 "	29Mar67	Retorqued friction collet	GJ14-7088-563	
	1:1 "	28Mar67	Retorqued friction collet	GJ4-7087-548	
	1:1 "	1Mar 67	Retorqued friction collet Unanged swashplate assy	GJ4-7060-068 A/C Log Book	
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± 50	27Dec66	Rerigged Governor Control Beep Checked by Subsequent	GJ4-6361-264
Max Beep 6600	6Apr67	Pilot; Checked OK	GJ4-7096-712
Max Power 0.7% High	12Jan67	Adjusted Timing Screw 1/16	GJ4-7012-587
			004-1012-101
690 on Start- Battery Voltage		Recharged Battery; this Could Account for Abnormal	
Dropped to 12V		Hot Start	Yellow Sheet
680° For 2 Seco		Within Limits	Yellow Sheet
on Scare	ZZNOVOO	within Limits	lellow Sheet
Could Not Get Engine to Start Without Exceedi Temperature Lim Crew Chief Repo	ng its;		
Little or No So	und	Changed Starting Fuel	
From Ignitors	28Nov66	Nozzles and Ignitors	GJ1-6334-933
Control Rod Hit		Removed and Replaced	
Mixing Levers	Thene	wasners	GJ4-7046-261
Oil Slung on Tail Rotor	16Feb67	Greased Tail Rotor	GJ4-7047-304
Transmission Ji	1		
Leak Found on	1000	No Leakage During 5	
Post Flight	Wesself.	Minute Turnup	Yellow Sheet
Transmission Oil		Tightened Oil Line	GJ4-7031-894
Pilots Harness			
Only Locks Occa- ssionaly		Tightened Screw on Cable	Yellow Sheet
Pilots Harness	1		
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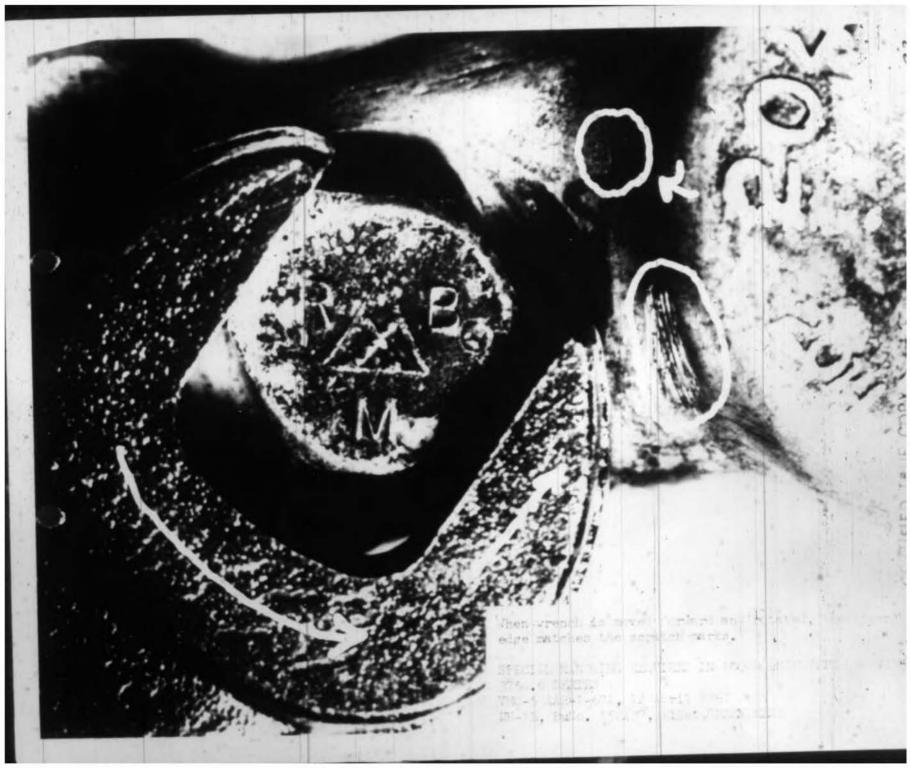
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	Removed and Replaced	
- 12	RF1 Warning Light	
5Jan67	Control Box	GJ4-7005-509
17Dec66	Adjusted RPM Warning Box	GJ4-6351-134
	Broken Wire to Terminal	
25Mar67	Fixed	GJ4-7084-483
28Feb67	Repaired Broken Wire	GJ4-7059-021
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1	Repaired Pilots Force	
11.0ct/66	Trim Button	GJ1-6284-927
	Replaced Pilots Force	
180¢t66		GJ1-6291-959
1	Replaced Broken Wire on	
370ct66		GJ1-6303-942 .
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19Feb67	Repaired CoPilots Switch	GJ4-7050-421
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10ct66	Cround Checked Good	Yellow Sheet
	Adjusted Switch On	
21Feb57	DoBilots Cyclic Stick	GJ4-7052-475
	Adjusted Indent Screw	
7Mar67	CoPilots Side	CJ4-7066-768
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15Nov66	Reset Altimeter	Yellow Sheet
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HF Antenna Mount Cracked-Starboard Side	CONTRACTOR OF STREET	Replaced Mount	Yellow Sheet
MCAN Azimuth	10Mar67	Removed and Replaced	GJ4-7069-931
TACAN Azimuth	7Mar62	Checked Good On Channel 55 and with URM-101	GJ4-7066-767
TACAN Inopera- tive	9Feb67	Removed and Replaced	GJ4-7041-139
TACAN Incpera- tive	27eh67	Removed and Replaced	CJ4-7033-956
TACAN Inoper-	21Dec66	Removed TACAN	GJ1-6356-182
UHF TX Out	9Mar67	Removed and Replaced UHF	GJ4-7068-911
UHF Inoper-	6Feb67	Removed and Replaced UHF	GJ4-7037-018
UHF Unsatis- factory	4Jan67	Removed and Replaced UHF	GJ4-7004-493
UHF ADF Homes 180 Out	23Deo66	ARA-25 Removed	Yellow Sheet
Intermittent Noi in URF	21Dec66	Discrepancy on Limitations Sheet	GJ4-6355-182
Intermittent	70ct66	Removed and Replaced UHF Could Not Duplicate	GJ1-6280-877
UHF Cut	60et66	Removed and Replaced UHF	GJ1-6279-867
Wesk TX UHF	10ct66	Ground Check Good	Yellow Sheet
Airspeed Indi- cator Slow to In dicate on Take Off	1000	Blew Out Pitot System	GJ4-6361-265
Altimater Needs Resetting	17Deo66	Replaced and Reset Altimeter	GJ4-6351-147
Pilots Altimeter Noed Adjusting		Reset Altimeter	Yellow Sheet
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Fin Radio Headabl	30Dec66	Adjusted Squelch	Yellow Sheet
FM No Receive	10Fsb67	Checks OK	Yellow Sheet
4. AIRFRAME CHA	NGES NOT I	CORPORATED IN BUNO 152	2437 AS OF 14 APRIL 1967
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AFC #11-ROUTINE	- Dect	ridal; Replacement of o	
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AFC #27-URGENT COMPLIAN		bearing dust seal defi	lector
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STATEMENT OF MAJOR (b) (6)
USMC, MAINTENANCE OFFICER
VMO-5, CONCERNING VMO-5 AAR 1-67A, 14 APRIL 1967, UH-1E, BUNO 152437,
PILOT GREENLEESE

There are two types of self-locking nuts used on this aircraft, They are:

- a. All metal
- b. Fiber insert

The fiber insert mut is of two types; one which locks by friction only, and the other which uses a cotter pin to aid in the locking procedure.

Policy for use and reuse of self-locking nuts is as follows:

- a. On critical areas of the aircraft such as flight controls, rotating components, engine and fuel control linkage, nuts are used only one time, then discarded.
- b. In other areas, self-locking nuts may be reused if they meet the following requirements:
  - (1) Visual examination shows no cracks, stripping of threads, or excessive rounding of edges where the wrench is applied.
  - (2) No less than one full thread of locking is effective beyond the finger-tight condition as the nut is hand-threaded onto the bolt.

This policy has been in effect and monitored by Quality Control since I became Aircraft Maintenance Officer on 1 August 1966. Since then no known deviations have been allowed, with the exception of the incorporation of Airframe Change #3 which calls for a new self-locking nut in throttle linkage. These nuts are not yet available in sufficient quantity. Prior to my arrival, the possibility of the use of self-locking nuts in a manner other than prescribed by my policy existed, but no specific occurrence can be pinned down.

The policy for torqueing of nuts and bolts is to use torque values as prescribed in the Handbook of Maintenance Instruction for the UH-1E. If no torque is prescribed, a standard value for the particular nut and bolt in question is taken from NAVAIR O2B-15AB-2 which contains a standard torque value table for all nuts and bolts. This publication has been used because it is the most readily available of the various publications which list general or standard torque values. The UH-1E maintenance manuals do not list a specific torque for the tail rotor crosshead bolt. NAVAIR O2B-15AB-2 gives a value of 70-95 inch pounds

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which has been used in this squadron up to now. NAVWEPS 17-1-108 concerns the care, cleaning, and callibration of torque wrenches and is now available.

For purposes of standardization this manual will be used for torque values from now on. It lists a value of 50-70 inch pounds for the tail rotor crosshead bolt. Policy dictates torqueing to the higher value. Because of the differences in standard torque values listed in various publications, confusion can and does often exist. Correspondence will be initiated with Naval Air Systems Command concerning clarification of this problem.

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Major (b) (6) has 2746.6 total hours and 1316.1 hours in the UH-1E. He is an instructor with VMO-5.

Certified a true copy STATEMENT OF SECOND LIEUTENANT (6) (6)

EQUIPMENT OFFICER VMO-5, CONCERNING VMO-5 AAR 1-67A, 14 APRIL 1967, UH-1E,
BUNO 152437, PILOT GREENLESE

The aviators equipment section of VMO-5, of which I am the Officer in Charge, presently maintains ten (10) NB-8 back pack type parachutes for use in the UH-12 alreaft.

In the first group of UH-1E aircraft received by the Marine Corps, the back seat cushion for both the pilot's and co-pilot's seat could easily be removed and this back shute worn. However, with the advent of the armored seat, the back chute puts the pilot sitting too far forward in the seat. The side armor next to the door on both sides makes an egress from the aircraft with the back type chute a virtual impossibility.

At the time of the accident of UV-13, 1stLt GREENLEESE was the Officer in Charge of the aviators equipment section. The records of this section show that the ten (10) NB-8 type parachutes were maintained and available for issue on request.

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Second Lieutenant (b) (6) has 5325.8 total hours and 913.4 hours in the UH-1E. He is an instruct with VMO-5.

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ZNR UUUUU 156/67 R 042040Z MAY 67 FM ARADMAC CORPUS CHRISTI TEX TO RUWMPLA /MARHEDMAINTROM THREE ZERO MCAF SANTA ANA CALIF RUEDBHA/NAVAIRSYSCOMHQ WASHING TON DO RUWJMUA/COMNAVAIRPAC NAS NORTH ISLAND SAN DIEGO CALIF RUCILMA/COMNAVAIRLANT USNAS NORFOLK VA RUCILSA/NAVAVNSAFECEN USNAS NORFOLK VA RUWJMUA/NAVAIRSYSCOMREPPAC NAS NORTH ISLAND SAN DIEGO CALIF RUCLMHA /NA VA IR SYSCOMREPPINCLA USNAS PENSICOLA FLA RUNLBP/CG FMFPAC HONOLULU HAWAII RUCINVA/CG FMFLANT USNAS NORFOLK VA RUWJBRA/CG THIRD MAW MCAF EL TORO SANTE ANA CALIF BUWMPLA /MARHELTRAGRU THREE ZERO MCAF SINTA ANA CALIF RUNJAWA/MAROBSRON FIVE MCAF CAMP PENDLETON CALIF RUCLPEA/USABAAR FT RUCKER ALA RUEOHRA /NATSF PHILADELPHIA PA UNCLAS SAVAE-Q 85-1658 SUBJ + UH-1E AIRCRAFI BUNO 152437, PRIORITY DIR. A. REF BUWEPS INST 4732.6. THE FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY REPORT OF TEARDOWN ANALYSIS OF COMPONENTS FROM SUBJECT AIRCRAFT, NAVAIRSYS COMREPPAC CONTROL NO. 2409-67, IS SUBMITTED: B. ENGINE: NEGATIVE, OPERATING AT IMPACT. C. TRANSMISSION: NEGATIVE D. INPUT QUILL (TRANSMISSION): NEGATIVE E. MAST AND SWASHPLATE: NEGATIVE F. MAIN ROTOR HEAD! NEGATIVE PAGE 2 RUWIUBA 8859 UNCLAS G: 42 DEGREE GEAR BOX: NEGATIVE H. 90 DEGREE GEAR BOX: NEGATIVE I. TAIL ROTOR DRIVE SHAFT: NEGATIVE J. TAIL ROTOR BLADE AND HUB ASSY: IT WAS EVIDENT THAT THE TAIL ROTOR BLADES STRUCK THE VERTICAL FIM AND TAIL ROTOR DRIVE SHAFT BETWEEN THE 42 DEGREE AND 90 DEGREE GEAR BOXES. THE TAIL ROTOR HUB POUNDED THE STATIC STOP CAUSING THE TAIL ROTOR BUB NUT THREADS TO FAIL IN SHEAR . K. TAIL ROTOR PITCH CHANGE LINKS AND CROSSHEAD ASSY: EXAMI-NATION REVEALED ONE BOLT PIN AN 174H 154 AND NUT PIN MS21845L4 WAS MISSING FROM THE CROSSHEAD ASSY P/N 204-011-711+1. MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION OF THE BOLT HOLE IN THE CHOSSHEAD ASSY AND TAIL ROTOR SLIDER P/N 284-818-723-5 REVEALED MARKS MADE BY THE THREADED SECTION OF THE BOLT. SOOT AND ASH DEPOSITS NOTED IN THE BOLT HOLE INDICATE THE BOLT WAS MISSING AT THE TIME OF THE POST CRASH FIRE. THE BOLT PIN NAS 1304-190 WHICH CONNECTS THE WHITE BLADE PITCH CHANGE LINK ROD END TO THE WHITE BLADE GRIP HORN FAILSD FROM BENDING OVERSTRESS. 1. FUEL CONTROL AND OVERSPEED GOVERNOR: TEARDOWN OF THE FUEL CONTROL AND OVERSPEED GOVERNOR REVEALED THAT THE FLYWEIGHT BASE ASSY P/N 77091 AND FLYWEIGHT AND SAPPHIRE PIN ASSY P/N 75993, IN

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THE OVERSPEED GOVERNOR HAD FAILED. LABORATORY METALLURGICAL WALYSIS
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NNNNZCZCNASC372CZCSLB414 PITU JAV RUCLMHA 0586 11/1218+UUUU-+RUCILSA . ZNR UUUUU P R 272218Z APR 67 FM NAVAIRSYSCOMREP PNCL TO RUWPSL /AVSCOM STLOUTS RUWTUBA /ARADMAC CORPC INFO RUEDBHB / NASC HQ RUWJIPA /MARHEDMAINTRON THREE ZERO RUWJMUA/COMNAVAIRPAC RUCILMA/COMNAVAIRLANT RUCILSA/NAVALSAFCEN RUWJMUA/NASCREPPAC RUHHFMA /FMPAC RUCINNB /FMLANT RUWJBRB /THIRD MAW RUWJTPA /MARHEL TRAGRU THEE ZERO RUWJDFA /MAROBSRON FIVE RUCADM/USABAAR RUWIJVA/NAS CORPC BIT UNCLAS PRI DIR ON T53-L-11 ENG SER LE09582 AND COMPONENT AS REQUIRED: REQUEST FOR: (A) NASCREPPAC 273128Z APR 67 NOTAL (B) MARHEDMAINTRON THREE ZERO 192246Z APR 67 NOTAL (C) NASCREPPAC CONTROL NF 2489-67 (D) FONECON MR BAKER REP NASCREPPAC & REP THIS ACTIVITY 27 APR 67 REQUEST PRI DIR ON SUBJ ENG AND SELECTED COMPONENTS FROM ENGINE AND ACFT UH-IE BUNO 152437 AS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE ACCIDENT REPORT. ACFT COLLIDED WITH GROUND RESULTING IN FATALITIES. REQUEST EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION PREM TIME AUTHORIZED AS REQUESTED. FURTHER REQUEST ADVISE ALL CONGERNED RESULTS AND REFER TO REF (C) ON ALL SUBSEQUENT RELATIVE CORRESPONDENCE . APR 2722183

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PAGE TWO RUWJDFA 1463 UNCLAS E F T O
CMC FOR CODE AAP
SUPPLEMENTARY MESSAGE REPORT NO 2 AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT
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B. MARDBSRON FIVE 150349Z APR 67 NOTAL
C. MARUBSRON FIVE 152230Z APR 67

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1. UH-IE 152437 MAROBSRON FIVE 1-67A WILLIAM ERNEST GREENLEESE

ISTLT (b) (6)

USMC PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN REFS B AND C AS
AIRCRAFT MISSING UH-IE 151885 MAROBSRON FIVE NO MISHAP SERIAL NO 2NDLT
EDWARD .OSEPH FUNCHEON, JR. (b) (6)

2. COAST GUARD STATION PT VICENTE CALIFORNIA DIRECT MCAS EL
TORO DIRECT MCALF CAMP PENDLETON, VFR, ETE 1 PLUS 15

3. ALPHA

4. ATTEMPTED FORCED LANDING
5. AIRCRAFT WAS ON SCHEDULED POM CHECK HOP FROM MCALF PENDLETON
WITH ISTLT GREENLESS AS INSTRUCTOR PILOT AND 2NDLT FUNCHEON AS PILOT
BEING CHECKED. AIRCRAFT DEPARTED PT VICENTE FOR EL TORO AND CAMP
PENDLETON ON SECOND LEG OF FLIGHT AT 141219U. INCOMPLETE MAYDAY
CALL RECEIVED BY EL TORO TOWER AT 141245U WITH
AIRCRAFT REPORTING 14 MILES SOUTH OF (BROKEN TRANSMISSION).

PAGE THREE RUWJDFA 1463 UNCLAS E F T O
CRASH IN SUSPECTED IFR CONDITIONS WHILE ATTEMPTING FORCED LANDING.
POINT OF IMPACT AT 4400 FOOT LEVEL ON STEEP SLOPE IN SANTA ANA
MOUNTAINS 868 DEG 9.5 NM OF EL TORO TACAM. AIRCRAFT.
APPARENTLY IMPACTED FLAT, TURNED ON SIDE AND SURNED. ALL FOUR CREW
MEMBERS REMAINED IN SEATS AND SUSTAINED ALPHA INJURY.
6. EL TORO WEATHER 2500 BROKEN HIGH OVERCAST VIS 10 TEMP 64
DEW PT 51 WIND 260 DEG 10 KTS.
7. UNKNOWN.

e. UNKNOWN.

10. UNKNOWN.

12. NEGATIVE PROPERTY DAMAGE. RECOVERY ATTEMPTS OF AIRCRAFT

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INNNHSCNASC 177CZCSLB 711 RITE JAW RUWJDFA 1372 1852238-EEEE--RUCILSA. ZNY EEEEE 152238Z APR 67 FM MAROBSRON FIVE TO RUENAAA/CNO ---RUCILSA /NAVAVNSAFCEN -INFO RUHLHL/CINCPACFLT RUWJMUA /COMNAVAIRPAC RUCIHOA /CMC RUHHFMA ACG FMFPAC RUEDBHB COMNAVAIRSYSCOM HO RUCIJFA/BUPERS RUWJHEA /COMELEVEN RUCINVA/CG FMFLANT RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW RUCINND/CG SECOND MAW RUWJBRB /CG THIRD MAW RUCADM/USABAAR RUCILMA /COMNAVAIRLANT RUWJIPA MARHEL TRAGRU THREE ZERO BT UNCLAS E F I 0 PAGE TWO RUWJDFA 1372 UNCLAS CMC FOR CODE AAP SUPPLEMENTARY MESSAGE REPORT OF AIRCRAFT MISSING A. DPNAV INST P3750.6E 7152437 B. MAROBSRONFIVE 150349Z APR67 (NOTAL) 1. UH-1E +51885 MAROBSRON FIVE NO MISHAP SERIAL NO 2NDLT EDWARD JOSEPH FUNCHEON JR. (b) (6) USMCR. 2. COAST GUARD STATION VICENTE POINT, CALIFORNIA DIRECT EL TORO DIRECT CAMP PENDLETON, VFR, O PLUS 26. 3. A/C MISSING 4. UNKNOWN 5. FLIGHT PLAN FILED AIRBORNE AT 142022Z THROUGH LONG BEACH APPROACH CONTROL . DEPARTURE TIME VICENTE POINT GIVEN AS 142019Z. ESTIMATED TIME ENROUTE | PLUS 15 FUEL ABOARD 2 PLUS 80. INCOMPLETE MAYDAY RECEIVED BY EL TORO TOWER AT 142045Z WITH AIRCRAFT REPORTING 14 MILES SOUTH OF (BROKEN TRANSMISSION) . LAST KNOWN POSITION APPROX 7 MILES SOUTHEAST LONG BEACH VORTAC OVER WATER 2030, 6. EL TORO WEATHER 2500 BROKEN HIGH QUERCAST VIS 10 TEMP 64 DEW PT 51 WIND 260 DEG 10 KNOTS WATER TEMP 56. 7. UNKNOWN 8. NOT APPLICABLE 9. NOT APPLICABLE PAGE THREE RUWJDFA 1372 UNCLAS 10. UNKNOWN 11. UNKNOWN 12. AERIAL AND SURFACE SEARCH CONTINUING . NEGATIVE THUS FAR Supp # 1

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AERIAL AND SURFACE SEARCH BEING CONDUCTED UNTIL SUNSET WILL

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8. N/A

1H-1E 151885

6. ELWARD JOSEPH FUNCHEON JR. 2/LT (b) (6) USMCR (b) ACTIVE UNKNOWN
7. WILLIAM ERNEST GREENLESE 1/LT (b) (6) USMC (b) (6) ACTIVE PICOT
UNKNOWN HAROLD ELIHU PLUM CAPT (b) (6) USMC (b) ACTIVE UNKNOWN
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USMC ACTIVE UNKNOWN

NNNNHSCNASC 706CZCSLB310 RITU ZYY RUWMHFA 0947 1652322-UUUU--RUCILSA . ZNR UUUUU ZFD RUWMHFA 706/67 142251Z JUN 67 FM NAVPG SCOL MONTEREY TO RUCILSA/NAVAVNSAFECEN NORVA RUWJBRB /CG 3RD MAW EL TORO RUWTUBA /ARADMAC CORPUS CHRISTI INFO RUWJDFA /VMO-5 CAMP PENDLETON NAVY GRNC BI UNCLAS UH- IE WRECKAGE FOR AVIATION SAFETY SCHOOL A. VMO-5 AAR 1-67A UH-1E BUNG 152437 1. FOR NAVAVNSAFECEN. REQUEST RELEASE COMPONENTS OF REF A MISHAP TO AVIATION, SAFETY PROGRAM NA VPG SCOL FOR CLASS USE .

2. FOR GG 3RD MAW. UPON RELEASE, REQUEST AIRLIFT STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS

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3. FOR ARADMAC. UPON RELEASE AND COMPLETION OF DIR, REQUEST AIRSHIP DYNAMIC COMPONENTS TO NALF, MONTEREY, ATTN AVIATION SAFETY PROGRAM.

FROM CAMP PENDLETON TO NALF, MONTEREY.

NNNNZCZC NASC 699A 327 RITE JAW RUWJMUA 8758 1651828-EEEE--RUCILSA. ZNY EEEEE R 141828Z JUN 67 FM NAVAIRSYSCOMREPAC TO RUWJDFA /MAROBSRON FIVE RUCLMHA /NAVAIRSYSCOMREP PNCLA INFO RUEDBHB / NAVAIRSYSCOMHO ZENI/COMNAVAIRPAC RUCILMA /COMNAVAIRLANT RUCILSA/NAVAVNSAFECEN RUEONRA/NAVAIRIECHSERVFAC RUCINVA/CG FMFLANT RUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC RUMHAW/CG FIRSTMAW RUCINPA /CG SECOND MAW RUWJBRB /CG THIRD MAW RUMHAY MAG ONE SIX RUCINMA /MAG TWO SIX RUWJIPA MAG THREE ZERO RUMHAW/MAT THREE SIX RUWJABA / NAVAVSAFOFF NORTON AFB RUCLPEA /USABAAR FORT RUCKER

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PAGE TWO RUWJMUA 8758 UNCLAS E F T O
RUWTJVA/NAS CORPC
RUWTUBA/ARADMAC CORPC
BT
UNCLAS E F T O
T53-L11 ENG S/N LE-1000 FAILURE
A. VMO-5 082311Z JUN 67 PASEP

B. COMNAVAIRPAC /BWFRRPAC INST 4730.8A

1. VMO-5: REQ FWD REF A ENG TO SUPO CORPUS CHRISTI. MARK
CONTAINER AND DOCUMENTS FOR PRIORITY DIR IAW REF B. ADCON
NR 3397-67.

2. NAVAIRSYSCOMREP PNCLA: REQ ARRANGE ENGRG ANAL SUBJ ENG S/N LE-1000 IAW REF B. ADCON RESULTS. REFER ABOVE CONTROL NR BI

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